

# JAPANESE CEDAR

## *CRYPTOMERIA JAPONICA*

### PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

 Size

50 - 60' high, 20 - 30' wide

 Sun/Shade

Full Sun

 Water

Medium

 Maintenance

Low

 Life Span

Perennial Evergreen, Zone 5-9

 Description

*Cryptomeria japonica*, also known as Japanese Cedar and Sugi in Japan where it is their National Tree. The Japanese Cedar is a non-blooming evergreen but unrelated to true cedars and grows best in full sun but can tolerate light shade in moist soils. It is a slender, conical to pyramid shape (growing taller rather than wider) with horizontal branching along with soft, smooth, fragrant blue-green needles with sharply pointed tips. This foliage may turn golden in cold winters. It produces spherical cones and its attractive reddish-brown bark peels in strips. It is sometimes used as a screen but take care to protect against dry soils and drying winter winds. There are a variety of dwarf cultivars that are available from nurseries that make a nice addition to gardens. The Japanese Cedar is resistant to deer and does not have any serious insect or disease problems.

Source: [Missouri Botanical Garden](#), [North Carolina Extension Gardener](#)



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