

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Male and female cones. Photographer Charles Webber, California, USA



Mature cones. Photographer Keir Morse, California, USA



Trunk. Photographer David Eickhoff, unknown place



Tree. Photographer David Eickhoff, unknown place

Common name

Monterey cypress

Family

Cupressaceae

Where found

Urban bushland, dry coastal vegetation, **woodland**, **grassland**, and rocky areas. Mostly Sydney area. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced widely **spreading** tree to 20 m high. Bark brown, becoming whitish with age, shallowly ridged. Branches horizontally spreading. Branchlets 4-angled or cylindrical, in 2-dimensional sprays. Leaves with a lemony smell when rubbed, opposite each other, scale-like, usually about 2-8 mm long, dark green. Male and female **cones** on the same tree. Male cones oblong or elliptic, 3-5 mm long. Mature female cones oval to cylindrical, 20–50 mm long. Cones single at the ends of the branchlets. Seeds **winged**.

Was ***Cupressus macrocarpa***.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/2592401b-414c-4c0c-bd20-a33641f684d1> (accessed 1 May 2021)

Wikipedia description (as ***Cupressus macrocarpa***): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cupressus_macrocarpa (accessed 1 May 2021)

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