

Lawson's cypress

Chamaecyparis lawsoniana



About me: I am a very long-lived conifer that can grow up to 200 feet tall. My native range is limited to southwest Oregon and northwest California, but I am a very popular landscape tree throughout the world.

Why I'm rare: In the early 1900s, people accidentally introduced a fungus, *Phytophthora lateralis*, which causes root rot. This root rot has no cure and has killed many of my kind. The fungus has spread by movement of infected soil on vehicles and animals. Construction of new roads and houses has increased spread.

My story: Since the mid-1800s, I have been used to make furniture, boats, plywood and many other materials. Today I am sold almost exclusively to Japan for building houses and temples.

How you can help: Don't pack a pest! Make sure you don't spread pests or diseases in your luggage when you travel, and don't bring home soil or plants from other regions and countries.



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