

Japanese cedar

Cryptomeria japonica



About me: I am a very large conifer native to Japan, but I am not a true cedar. In fact, I am closely related to the giant redwood of the U.S. I can grow to be over 200 feet tall and scientists think that one tree can survive thousands of years in the wild.

Why I'm rare: Due to the strength and durability of my wood, I am often used for timber and construction. Extensive logging has greatly depleted my natural populations, so any remaining trees grow far away from one another.

My story: My survival depends on forests planted by people, and some of my remaining populations are protected in nature preserves. Genetic diversity is a concern for any planting efforts.

How you can help: Buy certified responsibly-grown forest products to support sustainable forestry practices and prevent harmful logging that has damaged trees like me.



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