

Eastern Red Cedar

(Juniperus virginiana)

Height: 40'-60'

Spread: 10'-20'

Growth rate: Moderate –
Fast

Eastern Red Cedar is the most reliable evergreen in the Midwest. Its native range is from Texas north and east to Maine. It will grow in clay or sandy soils. It tolerates alkaline soils better than most evergreens. The scale-like needles are deep green in summer and can turn a rusty-red in harsh winters.

While not the most ornamental of the

evergreens, it is extremely hardy and makes an excellent windbreak. Red cedar is host to cedar-apple rust and care should be taken when planted close to apple or crabapple trees. This can be avoided with proper placement of trees to allow adequate airflow and reduce the transmission of the fungus spores.



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