



# Arbor Day Foundation™

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Dear Member:

Thank you for your contribution to the Arbor Day Foundation and sharing our mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

Your free trees are my way of saying thanks. A leaf identification key is on the back of this letter. Complete planting and transplanting instructions are in the enclosed *Tree Planting Guide*. You may contact Member Services if you have any questions about your trees. More complete information about each tree can be found in *The Tree Book* or in the online Tree Guide at **arborday.org**.

We want your tree planting experience to be successful. These trees are guaranteed to grow. If they don't, send your name and address and member number, if available, to the above address, and the entire packet of trees will be replaced free. Please enclose \$3.50 for shipping and handling and tell us which package of trees needs to be replaced. You may reach us by calling the toll-free number for Member Services, 1-888-448-7337, or e-mail us at **info@arborday.org**.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Allgood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cynthia A. Allgood  
Director, Procurement and Fulfillment

## Leaf Identification



Arizona Cypress  
(*Cupressus arizonica*)

**Arizona cypress** has a graceful conical form that reaches 40-50' in height with a 25-30' spread. The dense, fine-textured evergreen foliage is green, gray-green to blue-green, extends to the ground, and has a pleasant aroma. The thick, rough, coarsely shredding, deeply furrowed, gray-brown or blackish bark persists on the tree from year to year. The dark reddish brown cones are 1-1 ¼" wide, maturing in about 2 years. Squirrels and other rodents eat the seeds.

Arizona cypress prefers hot, dry sites with full sun and well-drained soil. It is tolerant of shade and adapts to a wide range of soils. It is very drought resistant making it suitable for windbreaks and control of soil erosion. Plant 6' apart in rows for windbreaks. It can be sheared into a formal shape. This native tree is fast growing but short-lived, on average lasting 30-40 years.