



INCENSE CEDAR

CALOCEDRUS DECURRENS



ONE OF OUR MOST UBIQUITOUS NATIVE TREES, INCENSE CEDAR OCCURS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA AND MUCH OF THE WEST. HIGHLY ADAPTABLE, IT TOLERATES EXTREMES OF DROUGHT, HEAT, AND COLD, AND CAN BE GROWN ON VIRTUALLY ANY SOIL TYPE. THE THICK BARK ON MATURE SPECIMENS PROTECTS THE TREE FROM BOTH INSECT ATTACK AND FIRE. THE ROT RESISTANT WOOD IS USED FOR ITS ABILITY TO STAND UP TO THE ELEMENTS, AND FAMOUSLY, IN PENCILS, MAKING ITS PLEASANT SCENT INSTANTLY RECOGNIZABLE TO ANYONE WHO HAS EVER SHARPENED ONE! ITS BOTANICAL NAME, CALOCEDRUS, STEMS FROM GREEK FOR "BEAUTIFUL CEDAR", AND ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT ACTUALLY A TRUE CEDAR, IT IS CERTAINLY BEAUTIFUL. HANDSOME EVEN IN ITS YOUTH, THE INCENSE CEDAR WILL EVENTUALLY REACH HEIGHTS OF AROUND 90', THOUGH ITS SLOW TO MODERATE RATE OF GROWTH WILL SEE THAT IT REMAINS A MANAGEABLE SIZE FOR SOME TIME.

SUN TO PART SHADE

ZONES 5-8