

## MONTEREY CYPRESS

*Cupressus macrocarpa*



**Region:** Central coast of California

**Grain/Texture:** Grain is usually straight, though small knots are sometimes present, creating a more irregular grain pattern. It has a fine, uniform texture with a good natural luster.

**Color:** Heartwood is a pale yellowish or reddish brown. Narrow sapwood is paler and usually clearly demarcated from the heartwood.

**Qualities:** A softwood, it is rated moderately durable; mixed resistance to insect attack.

**Uses:** Live edge slab presentation, musical instruments (flamenco guitars), furniture, boatbuilding, and turned objects.

**Sustainability Info:** Status of the Monterey Cypress tree is considered vulnerable only as naturally occurring trees within its natural range. Cultivated trees are not considered endangered. Our Monterey Cypress is cultivated urban salvage we prevent from going into the landfill.

**Interesting Facts:** Monterey Cypress is protected within Point Lobos State Reserve and the Del Monte Forest. Average height reaches 50-82 ft tall with 2-3 ft trunk diameter. In perfect growing conditions the tree can grow as tall as 130 ft and trunk diameter of 8 ft. Although native to the coasts of Monterey County, California, this iconic tree has been cultivated all over the world including Great Britain, France, Ireland, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Sicily, South Africa, and New Zealand.