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Callitris endlicheri

[Synonyms : *Callitris calcarata*, *Frenela endlicheri*]

RED CYPRESS PINE is an evergreen coniferous tree. Native to south-eastern Australia it has dark brown to grey cones.

It is also known as Black cypress, Black cypress pine.

Endlicheri commemorates the name of an Austrian botanist, linguist, and numismatist, Stephan Ladislaus Endlicher (1804-1849). Although initially studying religion and philosophy, at the age of 22 he focused on languages (Chinese in particular) and natural history. Notably, 1830 saw his first botanical treatise (on the flora of his birthplace, Pressburg), in 1835 he founded Austria's first natural sciences journal, and as librarian of the Imperial Library of Vienna (now part of the University of Vienna) he published its first catalogue in 1836, as well as that same year becoming the botanical department curator at the (Royal) Natural History Museum. Then in 1840 he became Professor of Botany at the University of Vienna as well as Director of the University's Botanical Garden. From 1836 he began building a botanical classification system which he explained in his subsequent fundamental work entitled *Genera plantarum secundum ordines naturales disposita*. During his lifetime he described and named various new plant genera, including *Sequoia* which recognises the half Cherokee Indian scholar, George Guess (also known as Sequoia) who developed the first Cherokee syllabary. Remarkably considering how full his short life was already, he was also a founder member of Vienna's (Imperial) Academy of Sciences, and an elected member of both the Austrian and German parliaments.

The bark can be used for tanning.

The wood yields *sandarac* which is a constituent in some varnishes. It has been used in Australia for poles, timber (interior panelling) and fuel.