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*Cupressus macrocarpa*

[Synonyms : *Cupressus hartwegii*, *Cupressus lambertiana*]

**MONTEREY CYPRESS** is an evergreen tree. Native to California (southern USA) it has small glossy, purple-brown cones.

It is also known as *Cypreswydden Macrocarpa* (Welsh), *Cypřiš velkoplodý* (Czech), *Macrocarpa*, and *Monterey Zypresse* (German).

*Macrocarpa* is made up of Greek *macro-* (large, long) and *carpo-* (fruit) components meaning 'large-fruited'.

In California the Costanoan North American Indians used a leaf decoction to ease rheumatism. This species was not identified until the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century when Theodor Hartweg (1812-1871) a German explorer and botanist who had been sponsored by the Horticultural Society in England, sent seeds home. In Britain at least the Monterey cypress rapidly gained popularity in the late Victorian era – only to be superseded in the more recent past by a variety of which it is a parent, the for many now ubiquitous and dreaded Leyland cypress.