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*Metasequoia*

*Cupressaceae*

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*Metasequoia* is derived from Greek *meta-* (akin, changed in nature, next to, among, after) and the genus name *Sequoia* (the Californian redwoods) components. It is related to the latter with which fossil specimens of this relatively recent new genus were originally compared.

It was first identified in 1941 by a Japanese palaeobotanist, Shigeru Miki (1901-1974).