



Emerald Isle *Cupressocyparis leylandii* 02-05



<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 3B-24	Full sun	Will accept a wide variety of soils	Moderate to regular watering	Produces small cones composed of scales	20-25 feet

Recently, Leyland cypress has shown promise for Christmas tree production because of its fast growth, natural form and attractive foliage. The foliage is scale-like without the sharp needles common to Eastern red cedar and Arizona cypress. Foliage color varies by cultivar from bright green to gray, including a variegated cultivars with green foliage and white, yellow to gold branch tips. Most Christmas tree producers choose the Leighton Green cultivar for its dark green color and good growth form.

Many growers produce saleable trees in four year on quality sites, and there are few major diseases or insect pests that limit growth. Generally, Leyland cypress plantations yield a greater percentage of marketable trees than Virginia pine or Eastern red cedar plantations. Propagation is by rooted cuttings as the cross does not produce seed. Unlike most Christmas tree species, Leylands have no noticeable aroma.