

## Not Native But Can Be Found In County



### Looks Like Fern But It's Tree



This almost lacy spray of foliage is from the Port Orford white cedar. The foliage is formed layer upon layer on the tree giving it almost a feathery look. The adult tree often shows a bare trunk up to 50 to 60 feet.

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## White Cedar Is Ladylike In Appearance But Is Valuable

(Editor's note: Here is another in a series of articles about the trees of the forests of Santa Cruz county.)

By Wally Trabing

The Port Orford white cedar, or cedar, (*Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*) is an exclusive tree.

"Lady-like" with its soft, drooping, feathery foliage, it is native to a narrow strip of coast range from southwestern Oregon to Eureka. It may have slipped into this county through Mother Nature, but for the most part it has been brought in and planted by summer visitors. It is not considered native here.

It's a large tree, from 80 to 200 feet high.

According to a forestry report given by G. H. Collingwood and Warren Brush, part of the scientific name refers to Sir Charles Lawson, in whose nursery the first seedlings were raised in 1854 from cones gathered in the Sacramento river canyon.

This cedar lives from 300 to 600 years. Branches droop in layered fans clear to the ground when the tree grows in the open, but may show a nude trunk up to 150 feet when enclosed in a thick forest.

The cones release tiny winged seeds, two or four to a cone, in September or October. Seedlings can grow in shade or sunlight, but seldom go far from the par-

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ent tree, according to the forestry report.

Its bark is reddish brown and on an old tree from six to 10 inches thick.

In western Oregon some 32,000,000 board feet were cut in 1946.

The lumber is used for slats, plywood, boat deck, rail ties, flooring, closets and other moth-proof box linings. Its oil is also distilled for use in soap.

It is said that some 70 varieties of this tree have been planted in northern Europe, New Zealand and America and it is hardy as far north as Massachusetts.

The tree has three relatives in Japan.

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You don't see too many of these around the county, but they can be found. It is a Port Orford White cedar, which loves damp soil, a cloudy sky and will thrive out of its native haunts in river valleys. This young tree is located in front of the headquarters of Paradise Park in the San Lorenzo Valley.

### Sale Report Is Corrected

Margie Wilkieson of Morrissey realty yesterday reported the sale of a home at 306 Crystal street to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schilling of Cincinnati was not negotiated by her, as reported erroneously by The Sentinel-News Friday. Mrs. Wilkieson negotiated the transaction in which Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Tague of southern California purchased the Carlton Kinder ranch on Porter Gulch road.

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