

Monterey's Cypress Is Found In Santa Cruz County, Too

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles on trees that are found growing in Santa Cruz county.)

By Wally Trabing

Our neighbor, Monterey county, of course, takes the honor for its own tree, the Monterey cypress (*cupressus macrocarpa*), but it has crossed the county line by the aid of human hands and is a very common sight along the coast and even far inland.

It is native only along a narrow strip of coast, two miles long, from Cypress point to Carmel Bay.

As a young tree, its shape is straight and triangular. Its trunk is conical. As it ages, the trees along the coast are buffeted by the wind and sometimes sprayed by high seas. The branches become gnarled and twisted, the crown of foliage flattens and spreads out in irregular shapes that turn the tree into a thing of unique beauty.

In a forest, the tree may grow a little straighter and fuller, but

it still develops the flat topped appearance.

The trunk has a bark of red-brown under an ashy white surface and is formed in thin scales.

It is a conifer. Its thick, stubby leaves are set close to the branches. A small yellow flower appears in late February or March. The cones are round, unique by their plates that seem to be riveted together.

About 15 to 18 seeds fall from the cones in autumn. They are heavy and usually fall near the mother tree.

The Monterey cypress is a wonderful windbreak and is used as such throughout California. It is vigorous and grows rapidly. It will grow from cuttings.

The bark is thin and thus is not good protection for the tree. It is believed to live to be 200 years old.

Probably the most famous of this species is the "Lone Cypress" along the 17 mile drive near Monterey.

You can also find them along the Santa Cruz coast and even in the city of Santa Cruz.

Ernest Otto's

Waterfront News Notes

Yesterday's sun brought many to the beach. Many automobiles were parked along the wharf throughout the week, but yesterday saw additional numbers enjoying the warm weather. Fishermen were out again along the wharf, with three on Halibut row, six around Nicolls landing and about eight at the Stagnaro landing.

A bed of golden and bronze flowers is showing along the esplanade from Westbrook to Main street. It is bright with French lilies and gazanias.

Several were out from the Rental company

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and Gun club here for the convention, was at the wharf early, calling on his friends at the C. Stagnaro Fishing corporation. He was here with the navy.

Martin Pedersen will be missed on the wharf. He was a well liked fisherman who died several days ago while fishing for steelhead up the river near the Big Trees. Fishing was his favorite sport, and he spent much of his spare time fishing from the wharf.

Several bathers took advantage of the sun's warming rays and went swimming off Cowell's beach. A number of children were among the swimmers.

Many long-billed curlews were along the beach feeding on sand crabs and other marine life.

Out of state license plates are along the beachfront. Among them were Florida, Washington, Iowa, Arizona, Kansas, Nebraska, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, Illinois, Wisconsin, Colorado, Kentucky, Utah, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and British Columbia.



Cones Are Giveaway



These cones are a dead giveaway for the Cypress. A little closer inspection must be made to tell which species, however. The leaves are thick, stubby and set close to the twigs. The cones, round and boiler-plated, grow in clusters. The cypress smells slightly like a cedar.

pounds of flounder and 200 pounds of sole.

herds of sealions were in the waters of the bay. At 10 in it was at the wharf, while the other

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Ronald Julien Completes Duty

A civilian again is Ronald R. Julien, son of Mrs. Dorothy D. Julien of 123 Darwin street, who has just completed four years service with the navy.

Julien, a 1950 graduate of Santa Cruz high school, served as an aviation electronics technician in the navy. He has entered Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo to further his education in this line.

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