

Cedar

Juniperus virginiana



Description: small to medium evergreen tree to 25 feet tall, 1-2 feet diameter with a narrow, cone-shaped, or rounded Crown. Evergreen leaves of two types 1 Sharp, awl shaped, and 2 scaly, appearing braided. Fruits round, dark blue, and berry smell like dry gin

Leaves: Evergreen, opposite, of two types both dark green or Bluegreen scale-like to 1/16 in Long, appearing as a braided rope or needle like to 1/2 in long, sharp, occur singly on twig

Bark: thin, reddish-brown, separating into long shreds

Flowers: unisexual on separate trees male cone like small to 1/8 in at tips of branches; female globe-shaped, small to 1/10 in, with fleshy scales

Fruits: small to quarter-inch, fleshy, Berry like cones dark-blue and fragrant when crushed. Seeds 1 to 4 per fruit, light brown, rigid Birds scattered

Habitat/Range: abandoned Fields, fence rows, dry Woods, rocky bluff and cliffs especially limestone throughout Indiana, but less common in central till plain