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(54) **×CUPRESSOCYPARIS PLANT NAMED**
‘RECO’

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(50) Latin Name: **×Cupressocyparis leylandii**
Varietal Denomination: **RECO**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new cultivar of *×Cupressocyparis leylandii* named
‘RECO’ that is characterized by its upright, conical habit and
dwarf size. In combination these traits set ‘RECO’ apart
from all other existing varieties of *×Cupressocyparis leylandii*
known to the inventor.

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1 Drawing Sheet

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Genus: *×Cupressocyparis*.
Species: *leylandii*.
Denomination: ‘RECO’.

×Cupressocyparis leylandii known to the inventor. ‘RECO’
has not been tested under all possible conditions and pheno-
typic differences may be observed with variations in
environmental, climatic and cultural conditions, without
5 however, any difference in genotype.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar
of *×Cupressocyparis leylandii*, commonly known as Ley-
land Cypress. This plant is grown for use in the landscape as
a specimen tree or hedge. The new cultivar is known botani-
cally as *×Cupressocyparis leylandii* and will be referred to
hereinafter by the cultivar name ‘RECO’.

1. ‘RECO’ has an upright, conical habit.
2. ‘RECO’ has a slow growth rate and reaches 1.5 m after
6 or 7 years of growth.
- 10 3. ‘RECO’ is hardy in USDA Zones 6–9.

‘RECO’ arose and was selected in 2001 by the inventor at
the inventor’s nursery in Waddinxveen, The Netherlands as
naturally occurring single dwarf *×Cupressocyparis leylandii*
‘2001’ (not patented).

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The new variety ‘RECO’ is a shrub characterized by its
slow growth and dwarf size. ‘RECO’ has a conical upright
form that at 6 or 7 years is approximately 1.5 meters in
height.

The accompanying color drawing illustrates the overall
appearance of the new cultivar ‘RECO’ showing the colors
as true as it is reasonably possible to obtain in colored repro-
ductions of this type. Colors in the photographs may differ
from the color values cited in the detailed botanical
description, which accurately describe the actual colors of
the new variety of ‘RECO’.

The closest known comparison plant known to the breeder
is the parent plant *×Cupressocyparis leylandii* ‘2001’. The
parent plant is typical of the species and grows rapidly to
heights of nearly 70 m if not pruned. Unlike its parent,
‘RECO’ grows at a slower rate and after 6 or 7 years has not
exceeded 1.5 m in height while maintaining the positive
characteristics of denseness and attractive fragrance.

The drawing labeled as FIG. 1 illustrates a 6 year old plant
of ‘RECO’ growing in open ground in Waddinxveen, The
Netherlands.

The first asexual reproduction of ‘RECO’ was conducted
by the inventor in 2001 using softwood cuttings. The inven-
tor has since determined that ‘RECO’ reproduces true to type
in all successive generations of asexual reproduction.

BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANT

An application for a grant of European Plant Breeders
Rights for ‘RECO’ has been filed as application number
2004/2428 on May 27, 2005. The application is pending at
the European Plant Breeder Rights Office. The inventor
released his first plants to the public in March 2007.

The following is a detailed description of ‘RECO’.
Botanical data was collected during the 2006 growing sea-
son from plants which were approximately three years old in
a 6.5 liter container. The observed plants were growing in an
unheated glass greenhouse in Nijkerk, Netherlands. The
color determinations have been made by reference to the
2001 edition of The Royal Horticultural Society Colour
Chart, except where general color terms of ordinary dictio-
nary significance are used.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and
represent the characteristics of ‘RECO’. These traits in com-
bination distinguish ‘RECO’ from all other varieties of

Family: Cupressaceae.
Botanical classification: *×Cupressocyparis leylandii*.
Genus: *×Cupressocyparis*.
Species: *leylandii*.
Variety Denomination: ‘RECO’.
Common name: Leyland cypress.
Use: Landscape shrub or hedging plant.

Container size: Suggested container sizes for planting: 1, 3, 5 or 7 gallon.

Cultural requirements: Moist, well drained fertile soils.

Light requirement: Full sun to partial shade.

Parentage: ×*Cupressocyparis leylandii* ‘2001’.

Plant description:

Plant habit.—Upright and conical

Vigor.—Moderate.

Dimensions after 6 years (in the field).—1.5 m in height and 40 cm in width.

Dimension of the observed plant (3 years old).—An average of 64 cm in height and 29.8 cm in width.

Growth rate.—Approximately 20 cm per season in a young plant.

Hardiness.—At least USDA zone 6–9.

Vigor.—Moderate.

Root system.—Shallow, fibrous

Propagation: Propagation is accomplished by softwood, semi hardwood, or hardwood cuttings. It is recommended that the cuttings are taken when the cutting stem is brown in color.

Time to develop roots.—From 6 to 8 weeks to initiate roots.

Temperature for rooting.—Rooting occurs when rooting medium is maintained within temperature range 18° C. to 28° C.

Hormone.—It is recommended to apply a rooting hormone in the form of a powder or dip. The hormone Indole 3- butyric acid (known as IBA) is an effective rooting agent and may be applied in a concentration of 0.8% (8,000 parts per million).

Crop time.—An established plant in a 1 gallon container takes an average one year to finish.

Disease and pest susceptibility.—‘RECO’ is neither less nor more susceptible to pests or diseases than the species or in comparison to other cultivars of the species known to the inventor.

Branches:

Branching habit.—Main stems grow from base and have lateral branches.

Basal branching.—Yes.

Number of lateral branches.—An average of 23.

Lateral branch dimensions.—An average of 37.4 cm in length and 3 mm in diameter.

Internode length.—An average of 1.1 cm.

Stem.—Appearance: Rounded, covered with scale-like leaves, dull. Aspect: Rounded, covered with scale-like leaves. Strength: Strong. Color: Young twigs 141B and 141C; older bark 200D; where young twigs change to older bark, stems are 151B and 151C. Pubescence: None.

Foliage:

Arrangement.—Opposite.

Quantity of leaves per lateral branch.—Over 7,500 scale-like leaves.

Leaf:

Quantity of leaflets per leaf.—Not applicable.

Shape.—Scale-like; elliptic.

Tip.—Acute.

Base.—Cuneate.

Dimensions.—An average of 4 mm in length and 1 mm in width.

Texture.—Moderately glossy.

Pubescence.—None.

Margin.—Entire.

Venation.—None visible.

Color, young leaf (adaxial).—143A.

Color, young leaf (abaxial).—143A and 143B.

Color, mature leaf (adaxial).—141B.

Color, mature leaf (abaxial).—141B and 141C.

Attachment.—Sessile.

Durability to stress: Very high.

Stipules, tendrils, thorns, spines or prickles: none.

Fragrance: When crushed, resinous, typical of ×*Cupressocyparis leylandii*.

Flowers: No flowers have been observed.

Seeds: No seeds have been observed.

What is claimed:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of ×*Cupressocyparis* plant named ‘RECO’, as described and illustrated here within.

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FIG. 1