

BALD CYPRESS

Taxodium distichum



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Mature Height	50-75 Feet	Soil Type	Sandy, Clay, Loam
Mature Spread	20-30 Feet	Flower Color	Inconspicuous
Mature Form	Pyramidal	Foliage Color	Green
Growth Rate	Rapid	Fall Color	Orange to Brown
Sun Exposure	Full Sun to Partial Shade	Zones	4-10
Soil Moisture	Widely Adaptable		

The Bald Cypress tree, *Taxodium distichum*, is a stately tree perfect for parks and yards. Its needle-like leaves are dark green in the spring and summer, but in the fall, the Bald Cypress leaves may turn a rich brown. In swamps (or when grown in or near water for most of the year) the tree develops large flares at the base of the trunk – the so-called “cypress knees”.

The Bald Cypress tree has moderate water requirements, and landscapers and land owners often use this tree in wet areas. Usually, this tree is planted as a specimen or a grove of trees in parks. Though sensitive to long periods of drought, this species is very adaptable to wet and dry sites and thrives in many soil types.



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