

Botanical Name: Taxodium distichum

Common Name: Bald Cypress

Type of Plant: conifer: tree Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, large pyramidal tree, with rather open canopy and pendulous branches; canopy becomes more rounded with age; largest branches and trunk produce cinnamon-colored bark

Height 40'-80'(125') Spread 1/2-2/3 Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil tolerates most except very alkaline; thrives in wet locale

Hardiness hardy (zones 1-9,14-24); prefers warm humid habitats

Morphology:

Leaves modified needles; narrowly linear, 1/2"-3/4" long; soft, bright yellow-green, mostly 2-ranked on branchlets; drop every 2nd year

Flowers inconspicuous male and female flowers; the male structures in catkins forming drooping terminal panicles; female flowers as tiny cones

Fruit female cones: oval, 1" diameter when mature

Propagation: seed

Usage: very large vertical accent tree used for its distinctive form and foliage, suitable for big-area landscapes, lawns, parks

Landscape Care:

Watering regular is preferred; plant tolerates wet and dry soils after established

Fertilizing no special requirements; as needed

Pruning thin out and remove deadwood as needed

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Southeastern U.S. Family: Taxodiaceae