

Bald Cypress

Taxodium distichum



Form: Oval, pyramidal

Size: 60-80' tall by 25-30' wide

Growth Rate: Mod to FastDrought Tolerance: High

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Zone: 5-10

Light Requirements: Full sun to part shade

Soil Requirements: Well-drained, moist, fertile, humus rich,

slightly acidic

Bark: Smooth; reddish brown fibers when young; matures to reddish brown to gray-brown with shallow fissures; ridges are narrow strips, ribbon and bands vertically overlapping.

Flower: Brownish tan male cones; greenish purple female cones; forms late winter

Fruit: Oval, hard greenish purple to brown cone; attracts

birds, squirrels, and other mammals

Foliage: Alternate, simple, needle-like leaves; pale green needless turn coppery red in Fall; leaves are like a soft evergreen needle, but tree is deciduous

Uses: Large parking lot islands, parking lot buffer strips, reclamation plantings, screening and as a shade tree; can be clipped into a nice soft hedge