

Taxodium distichum

(Baldcypress)

Bald cypress got its name from the fact that this is the only tree in the Cupressaceae family which is deciduous. In its original surrounding Taxodium grows in marches where the roots send up "knees" or vertical root protrusions. The tree has a pyramidal shape reaching 40 m in height as a mature tree. The leaves are linear in shape and turn yellowish brown in the fall. The cones are decorative green at the beginning than turn into brown. It can adopt to many conditions such as urban or dry sites.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Cyprès chauve ou Cyprès de Louisiane

Arabic Name: كسوديم

Pronunciation: tack-SO-dee-um DISS-tick-um

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: USA

Heat Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Hardiness Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Bonsai, Specimen, Shade, Windbreak, Pollution Tolerant / Urban, Reclamation

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Pyramidal

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: Over 23

Spread at Maturity: 10 to 15 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: More than 50 Years

Notes

It makes a good streetside tree but needs plenty of space for its roots to roam.

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Leaf Image

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Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Fine

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Brown

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Rough Texture

Fruit

Fruit Type: Cones

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Green, Brown

Seasons: Spring

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Fruit Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: Yes

Life Span: More than 50

Diseases: Blights

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites

Plant Propagations: Seed

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