

Leaf Identification



Baldcypress
(*Taxodium distichum*)

Baldcypress at maturity is a medium-sized tree reaching 50'-70' with a spread of 25'. The form is pyramidal in youth, becoming flattened and broad at the top in old age. The short, needle-like leaves emerge yellow-green in the spring, turning soft green in summer to reddish or orange-brown in the fall. It produces ½"-1 ½" cones annually. The roots provide a haven for wildlife, and the seeds are eaten by birds and animals.

Baldcypress prefers plenty of sunlight and acidic, deep, moist soils, but tolerates drier sites. If your site is not well-drained, expect roots that may protrude above the surface, and possibly even some root protrusions called "knees." This native tree has a medium growth rate and a long lifespan.