

Baldcypress

Taxodium distichum

Although baldcypress is often seen at water's edge where it will develop "knees", or root projections, that will extend above the water, it can also be grown in dry locations. The trees will grow remarkably well on almost any soil. Cypress knees do not generally form on these drier sites. It provides a good vertical accent to the landscape. Baldcypress can be clipped into a formal hedge, creating a wonderful soft screen. Surprisingly, baldcypress roots do not appear to lift sidewalks and curbs as readily as some other species.

Type: large tree

USDA hardiness zones: 5a through 10b

Uses: screen; specimen; reclamation; shade; hedge

Origin: native to Florida

Height: 60 to 80 feet **Spread:** 25 to 35 feet

Light requirement: full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerances: sand; loam; clay; acidic; slightly alkaline; wet to well-drained

Drought tolerance: high

Aerosol salt tolerances: moderate

Invasive potential: native

Pest resistance: resistant to pests/diseases

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