**Bald Cypress**
*Taxodium distichum*

- **Height:** 60 to 80 feet
- **Spread:** 25 to 35 feet
- **Light requirement:** full sun
- **Light requirement:** full sun to partial shade
- **Soil tolerances:** sand; loam; clay; acidic; slightly alkaline; wet to well-drained
- **Drought tolerance:** high
- **Aerosol salt tolerance:** moderate

The native habitat for the Baldcypress is wet, boggy locations but they can grow in drier habitats as well. Its height and architecture add a statuesque element to landscapes but it is deciduous so its planting location should be carefully considered.

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**12-Step Tree Adoption Aftercare Program**

1. **Look up!** Avoid planting under overhead power wires and streetlights.
2. **Call 811** to locate underground utilities, before digging a hole.
3. **Select a planting location** at least 6-8 ft. from pavements, & 15 feet from the nearest building.
4. **Dig a hole** 2-3 times WIDER, but the SAME length/depth as the root ball.
5. **Gently remove root ball** from container and check for root defects e.g. circling roots; if present, slit circling roots at diagonal points of an ‘X’ around the root ball.
6. **Carefully place tree** in the planting hole and position top of root ball 1-2 inches above the soil level.
7. **Straighten the tree.**
8. **Half-fill the planting hole with soil.**
9. **Fill planting hole with water** to get rid of air pockets.
10. **Finish backfilling** the hole with soil.
11. **Add mulch** in an 8 ft. diameter ‘doughnut’ around the tree but keep it away from touching the trunk.
12. **Water (1 gallon) daily** first 2 weeks; next 2 months - every other day; next 3 months - weekly.

For more information, watch this video:  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Dmmaemw4jo