

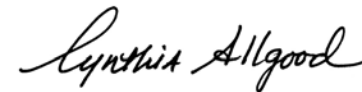
Dear Member:

Thank you for your contribution to the Arbor Day Foundation. Your support is vitally important to our mission as we inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

Your free trees are my way of saying thanks. A leaf identification key is on the back of this letter. Complete planting and transplanting instructions are in the enclosed *Tree Planting Guide*. You may contact Member Services if you have any questions about your trees. More complete information about each tree can be found in *The Tree Book* or the Tree Store and Tree Guide at **arborday.org**.

We want your tree planting experience to be successful. These trees are guaranteed to grow. If they don't, send your name and address and member number, if available, to the above address, and the entire packet of trees will be replaced free. Please enclose \$3.50 for shipping and handling and tell us which package of trees needs to be replaced. You may reach us by calling the toll-free number for Member Services, 1-888-448-7337, or e-mail us at **info@arborday.org**.

Best regards,



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## Leaf Identification



Baldcypress  
(*Taxodium distichum*)

**Baldcypress** at maturity is 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, 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.