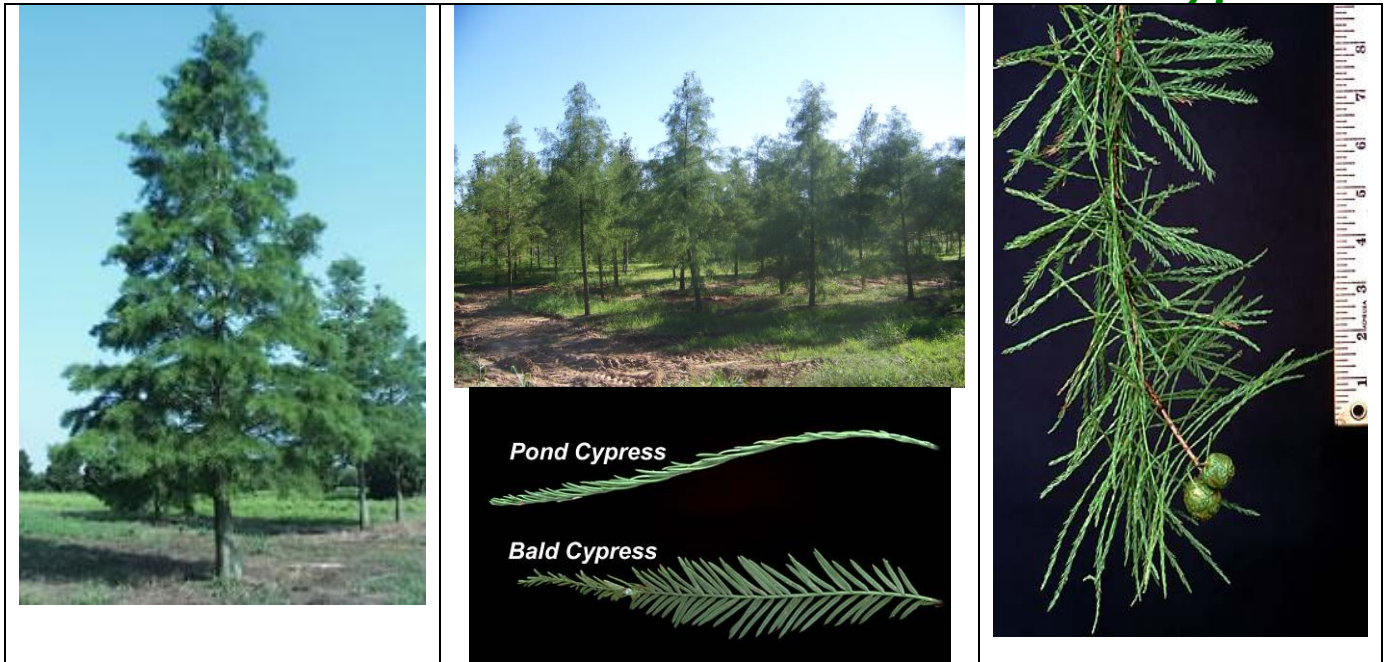


## POND CYPRESS

### TAXODIUM *ascendens* 'Pond' Cypress



**Height:**

50-80'

**Spread:**

20-25'

**Shape**

Pond-cypress (*Taxodium ascendens*) is very similar to bald-cypress (*T. distichum*), and has been considered a variety of that species by some authorities. Most recent experts, however, now believe that pond-cypress is a distinct species. Pond-cypress has awl shaped or scalelike leaves which are closely appressed and overlapping on the twigs, whereas bald-cypress has linear leaves which spread out and are arranged in two ranks on opposite sides of the twigs. The branchlets of bald-cypress tend to spread horizontally outward, while those of pond-cypress are more ascending. Pond-cypress isn't as prone as bald-cypress to have knees, and when it does, they tend to be shorter and more rounded. Pond-cypress is usually more columnar than bald-cypress

**Foliage:**

**Fall Color:**

Yellow to bronze

**Hardiness:**

4-11

**Comments:**

**Light:** Pond-cypress does its best in full sun.

**Moisture:** Like bald-cypress, pond-cypress grows well on dry upland sites even though it doesn't occur there naturally.

**Hardiness:** USDA Zones 5-11.

**Leaf:** Linear or awl-like and small, 3/8 inch long, held close to the twig, green to yellow-green.

**Flower:** Males in long (3 to 5 inches) hanging panicles, females are small and occur near branch tips.

**Fruit:** Nearly round cone with peltate scales, 3/4 to 1 inch in diameter, initially yellow-green but turning brown and breaking into individual scales when mature.

**Twig:** May be deciduous or not. Slender, covered with tight scale-like foliage, later brown and rough as needles age and fall off; buds rounded. Typical deciduous branchlets ascend vertically from branches.

**Bark:** Fibrous and shreddy, red-brown and gray where oxidized. Thought to become thicker than that of baldcypress.

**Form:** Medium sized tree with a pyramidal crown, clear bole and often buttressed base, generally smaller than baldcypress.