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Because this tree loses its leaves and branchlets in winter it has earned the name “Bald” Cypress. The needles are soft and flat, crowded on flexible stems.

In autumn the needles turn brown and the entire branchlet drops. Unlike the Dawn Redwood which has opposite leaves, these leaves grow alternately and spirally around the branch.

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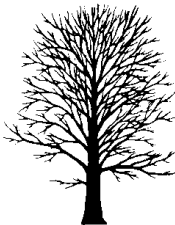
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The cones are less than an inch in diameter and nearly round. Growing at the end of the twig, these cones are gray, becoming purple or brown later in the year. These cones grow on very short stalks unlike the Dawn Redwood whose cones have stems of 1-2 inches.

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The Baldcypress grows naturally in swampy areas, on river banks, and on the border of marshes. In such wet areas it can grow characteristic “knees”, woody projections from submerged roots. A long-lived tree, it can grow well over 100 feet.

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The Baldcypress is the state tree of Louisiana, and is found growing naturally as far north as the Delmarva peninsula. Excavations in Baltimore City uncovered the ancient remains of a Baldcypress swamp. The heartwood is notably resistant to decay and has been used for construction, railroad ties, piers and durable fenceposts.

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