

ID #: 284

Owner: USFW—Little River National Wildlife Refuge

Circumference: 292 inches

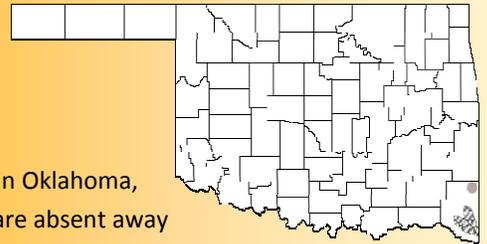
Height: 128 feet

Average Crown Spread: 77 feet

Total Points: 439.3



## BALDCYPRESS (*TAXODIUM DISTICHUM*)



Baldcypress is a handsome large shade and ornamental tree introduced northward in Oklahoma, not only along lakes but in drier upland soils of cities. However, the distinctive “knees” are absent away from water. Principal uses are building and heavy construction, including warehouses, docks and bridges, general millwork, boxes and crates, caskets, interior trim, paneling, and boats.

**Large** needleleaf deciduous, cone-bearing tree 80—100 feet high, with long straight trunk 2—5 feet in diameter, much enlarged and buttressed at base, often angled and with cone-shaped “knees” from submerged roots. Crown broad, short, thin, flattened at top or on small and planted trees conical and pointed. **Twigs** very slender, flat, green, with tiny brown pith. **Buds** tiny, rounded, with few scales.

**Needles** crowded featherlike, single or alternate with 2 rows, 3/8—3/4 inch long, soft and flexible, dull light green, whitish beneath, turning brown and shedding with twig in autumn.

**Cones** 1—2 at end of twig, round, 3/4—1 inch in diameter, gray. Cone—scales several, flattened, 4—angled, hard, shedding separately at maturity **Seeds** 2 at base of conescale, nearly 1/4 inch long, brown, 3—angled and slightly 3—winged.

**Bark** brown, with long narrow fibrous ridges, peeling off in strips.

**Wood** light yellowish or reddish brown with narrow whitish sapwood, nonporous, coarse-textured, moderately heavy, moderately hard and strong, often with rancid odor and decay-resistant or durable.