



**Shawnee Brave Baldcypress**  
*Taxodium distichum 'Shawnee Brave'*

Height: 70 feet  
Spread: 20 feet  
Sunlight: ☉  
Hardiness Zone: 5a

**Description:**

A tall, narrowly pyramidal deciduous conifer that is good for smaller yards; bright green needle-like foliage turn coppery in fall; excellent as a specimen tree or for a wet site

**Ornamental Features**

Shawnee Brave Baldcypress has emerald green foliage throughout the season. The ferny bipinnately compound leaves turn an outstanding orange in the fall. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant. The shaggy indian red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

**Landscape Attributes**

Shawnee Brave Baldcypress is a deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Shawnee Brave Baldcypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade
- Vertical Accent



*Shawnee Brave Baldcypress*  
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*Shawnee Brave Baldcypress foliage*  
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### Planting & Growing

Shawnee Brave Baldcypress will grow to be about 70 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 7 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 80 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.

#### Growing Place Choice Plants

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