

**Scientific Name:** *Taxodium distichum*

**Common Name:** Common Baldcypress

**Environmental Conditions:**

**Hardiness Zone:** 5a (4 with appropriate selection of genetic material)

**Soil Moisture:**

VERY WET			VERY DRY								
occasionally saturated or very wet soil			consistently moist, well drained soil			occasional periods of dry soil			prolonged periods of dry soil		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	

**Sun/Shade:** full sun

**Salt:** some observed tolerance

**pH:**  $\leq 7.5$

**Insect/Disease Factors:** none serious or limiting, ‘**Shawnee Brave**’ has mite resistant foliage

**Growth Characteristics:**

**Height:** 50’-70’

**Width:** 20’-40’

**Form/Habit:** columnar when young, slender pyramidal with age, horizontal branching, often with pendulous branchlets, straight tapered trunk is very short and buttressed at base

**Rate:** medium

**Ornamental Characteristics:**

**Flower:** not ornamentally important

**Fruit:** 1” globose cones, green to purple when young, brown at maturity

**Seasonal Foliage Color:** late to leaf out, bright light green in spring, soft green in summer, orange-brown to russet-brown in fall

**Bark:** attractive, reddish-brown and gray-brown, fibrous

**Transplant Issues:** difficult to transplant B&B or bare root, slow to recover from transplanting

**Management Issues:** none of significance

**Suggested Uses:** wide street tree lawns/pits with pruning or parks due to size, form and low branching habit

**Cultivars:** limited availability, ‘**Shawnee Brave**’ (zone 5b, narrower, mite resistant foliage, reportedly tolerates high pH soils), ‘**Monarch of Illinois**’ (wider-spreading)

