



## **Bald Cypress, Lindsey's Skyward**

*Taxodium distichum 'Skyward'*

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight:  

Hardiness Zone: 4b

### **Description:**

A genuinely attractive tree for many reasons; its columnar, upswept habit, thread-like foliage held in dense clumps along the ascending branches, turning rusty orange-brown in fall, curious knobby knees when planted near water; a stunning accent tree

### **Ornamental Features**

Bald Cypress, Lindsey's Skyward is primarily valued in the landscape for its rigidly columnar form. It has emerald green deciduous foliage. The ferny bipinnately compound leaves turn an outstanding harvest gold in the fall. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up. The shaggy silver bark and antique red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Bald Cypress, Lindsey's Skyward is a deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds and squirrels to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Bald Cypress, Lindsey's Skyward is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent



*Bald Cypress, Lindsey's Skyward*  
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*Bald Cypress, Lindsey's Skyward*  
foliage  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Bald Cypress, Lindsey's Skyward will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above the ground, and is suitable for planting under 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 to a ripe old age of 100 years or more; think of this as a heritage tree for future generations!

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.

### **Flowers & Seeds**

Flowers are insignificant. Few to some clusters of 2" round cones appear in summer when the tree gets 8 to 10 years or older and drops in early autumn. Birds and squirrels eat the nuts.