

*Bark*

## Planting Tips:

The pond cypress will take full sun but does better with some shade. Plant in wet to moist soils. Pond cypress are not drought tolerant.

It is best to plant saplings in the fall or early spring when the plant is dormant. They can be planted from seeds.

A hardy plant, pond cypress are not prone to disease.

## Visitor Education Center (VEC)

### About Us

The Visitor Education Center (VEC) at the Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery is the first and only facility of its kind in Mississippi. It is owned and operated by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.

In addition to the native habitat area, the VEC features a 10,000 gallon aquarium, interactive exhibits, displays, artifacts, fishing rodeo pond, gift shop and gallery, and the World Record White Crappie. All of these elements serve as entertaining and engaging learning experiences for all visitors.

The VEC promotes the sport of freshwater fishing in Mississippi, and encourages the conservation and stewardship of aquatic resources. The facility offers guided and self-guided tours along with a myriad of programs and workshops for the public.



*Fruit*

## MISSISSIPPI NATIVE: POND CYPRESS

*(Taxodium ascendens)*

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*Cypress knees*

## Description/Season:

This conifer has deeply furrowed bark, which is brown in color.

The pond cypress has awl shaped needles. These needles are bright green but turn to a rich orange-brown color in the fall.

Flowers, which are not conspicuous, are brown as are the seeds. This tree is columnar with upright branchlets on spreading branches.

## Habitat:

This cypress is found in various wetland habitats.



*Perched in the cypress*

## Size:

The pond cypress can grow to heights of 70 feet.

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## *No Other Names*

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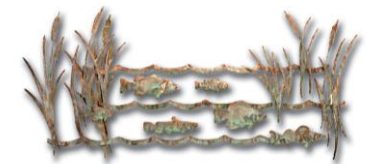
*Cypress needles*



*Pond cypress in the autumn*

## Interesting Facts:

This is an ideal tree for soil stabilization at water edges.



Information Sources: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, MSU Extension, Clemson.edu, USDA, and VEC Staff. Pictures taken at the VEC (Wiggins, E.J.); property of MDWFP.