

Swamp or Bald Cypress

Highfield Park Tree Trail: Number 21

Latin/Botanical Name: *Taxodium distichum*

Range: Native of southern USA, introduced in to UK circa 1640 by John Tradescant.

Height: 35-40m

Uses: Ornamental, often planted near to lakes and streams where it thrives.

Description: A deciduous (hence bald) tree, Conical in shape, Bark is pale red-brown, fibrous and peeling. Foliage in sprays of opposite linear leaves, these are shed just after they produce a stunning display of seasonal red foliage. The cones are globular, about 2-3.5 cm in diameter and mature from green to grey-brown

Interesting fact: Swamp cypress trees growing in swamps have a peculiarity of growth called cypress knees. These are woody projections from the root system project above the ground or water. They are thought to provide stability to the tree rather than provide oxygen.



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