



Montezuma Cypress *Taxodium mucronatum*



The Montezuma Cypress is native to south Texas and to much of Mexico. It became the national tree of Mexico in 1910 and is sacred to their people. This tree is a large evergreen with spirally arranged leaves. This tree grows best in wet conditions. It can be found growing next to springs and marshes; however, it is very drought tolerant and fast growing. This tree is

AT A GLANCE	
Height	60-70'
Width	6'
Flower Color	
Flower Season	Spring
Drought Tolerance	Low
Growth Rate	Fast
USDA Zone(s)	8a - 11
Notes	

frequently cultivated in Mexican parks and gardens, and the wood is used to make house beams and furniture. The Montezuma Cypress has been used as an ornamental tree since Pre-Columbian times. It is said that Aztecs planted it along processional paths in Chapultepec. They also used it to treat gout, ulcers, skin diseases, wounds, and toothaches. The leaves were also used as relaxants and could help reduce itching.

Common names: Montezuma bald cypress, Montezuma cypress, sabino, or ahuehuete

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