

ZAMIACEAE – CYCAD FAMILY

Plant: small shrub to small tree, palm- or fern-like

Stem: growth rings often indistinct

Root:

Leaves: evergreen, pinnate, leaflets without a midrib, basal leaves

Flowers: Dioecious; male and female sporophylls on cones on a central axis

Fruit: fleshy with hard seeds

Other: mostly tropical, a few temperate, a living fossil

Genera: 8 genera, 150+ species, an old world species

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Zamia pumila L. ssp. *pumila*

Coontie

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Zamiaceae (Cycad Family)

Cedar Key, Levy County, Florida

Notes: shrub, fern-like; leaves pinnately compound, 20-60+ per leaf, margins usually rolled under, petioles long, from crown of stem; cones red-brown, male and female on separate plants (male cones shown); only cycad native to USA

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