

Dawn Redwood

Metasequoia glyptostroboides

Description: A fast growing deciduous conifer that is a wonderful ornamental tree for a large area.

Mature height: It will grow 50' in 15—20 years ultimately reaching 70 to 100' high with a 25' spread. Has a neat, conical habit.

Leaves: The tiny feathery leaves are 1/2" long and 1/16" wide arranged along branchlets about 3" long. The bright green color will turn to an excellent orange-brown in fall. Leaves will drop during the winter.

Bark: Reddish-brown bark will become fissured and exfoliating in long narrow strips with base buttressing.

Fruit: Pendulous round cones on 3/4" stalks mature in 5 to 7 months.

Habitat: Hardy zones 4 to 8. Performs best in moist, deep, well-drained, slightly acid soil in full sun. Adaptable to a wide range of conditions.

Fun Facts: This species has been growing for 100 million years and was discovered in Japan and China. At one time native to North America and after an absence of 15 million years was returned in the 1940's.

