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Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. At TLC, we have so much for which to be grateful. One of the things that I am most grateful for is the great friends and loyal clients that we have developed over the decades. THANK YOU!

New Zealand was amazing! Spring flowers were out and everything was green. Christchurch and New Zealand were clean. Cleanest city and country I have ever been in.

I was there for two weeks for the International Tree Climbing Championship and ISA International Conference. It was a great time and I almost got off the flat part of the learning curve. It is always good to get with a thousand or so of your contemporaries and swap stories and insights. I did sit, talk with, and made a new friend from Florida. When I told him that I worked a lot down in Alpine, Texas, he said that his sister lived in Alpine. She works at Sul Ross in the greenhouse, taking over after Patti Manning passed. What a small world!

James Kilpatrick won the men's division. I met James in 2007 in Fort Worth, one of the two years that I chaired the Texas competition. He came to climb for fun. He still has the cowboy hard hat that I gave him that year.

I am already looking forward to the 50th anniversary of the first Tree Climbing Jamboree that became the International Tree Climbing Championship. It will be in St. Louis, Missouri, the site of the first one.

James Tuttle, Certified Arborist TX 0117A

Tree Of The Quarter

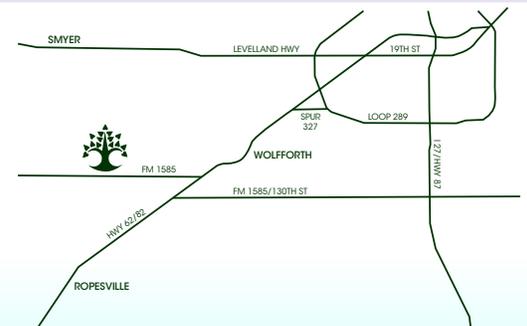
Bald Cypress, *Taxodium Distichum*, is a large growing deciduous conifer native from the swamps of SE Texas to the creeks of Central Texas. For being a tree that grows in the creek and on the bank of creeks, it is a surprisingly drought tolerant tree. Having said that, it is important to realize that all things are relative. It does well in most of West Texas, but with supplemental irrigation.

In our areas, Bald Cypress should be planted only in lower areas or in areas grouped with other plants that will be watered regularly. They generally need 10-20 inches of irrigation in addition to the normal rainfall annually. If they are in an area that gets twice that or in an area with seeps or broken pipes, they



might even form the knees that they do in do in nature when in or on the creek.

Give them plenty of room. They get to be 60' or more in our area.



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GIVE YOUR TREES TLC

Officially, it's still fall. Our deep root fertilization is focused on getting and keeping the soil healthy. Trees are forest organisms and do best when growing in groups in a healthy soil with plenty of microbes in the soil. Mulch promotes that better than turf. So does our fertilization program. TLC promotes healthy soil. Your trees may not be eternally grateful but they will more than likely be appreciative for the next 100 years.

This is also one of the best time to prune your trees. Pay particular attention to the branching structure of your trees. Weak co-dominant stems may need cabling or bracing.

Call one of our certified arborists to assess your trees. The Lubbock office number is 806.785.8733 and for Midland and points south call 432.620.8733 or click on www.treelovingcare.com and choose Service Request.

TLC UPDATE

TLC is still milling lumber and cookies from logs that we have salvaged from the pruning and removal operation. These wood pieces are suitable for many different types of projects. The limit is only your imagination.

CRITTERS AND CRUDS

There is not a lot of insect activity in the winter. However, it is great time to get a jump start on managing critters for the upcoming season. Critters of all sorts are at their weakest when its cold and they are hungry.

The best time for dormant oil applications are December through about mid-February. Call one of our Certified Arborists today to schedule an appointment.

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