

A. Waldbart and Sons Nursery

Metasequoia glyptostroboides

Dawn Redwood

Zone: 5-8

Height: 70'-90'

Width: 20'-30'



Crown: Pyramidal
Crown density: Fairly open
Growth Rate: Vigorous
Soil: Adaptable, but no alkaline
Wet soil: OK
Drought: Resistant
Pests: Few
Disease: None



Like Ginkgo biloba, Metasequoia was once known only in the fossil record. Also like Ginkgo, Metasequoia is one of the few deciduous conifers. Unlike Ginkgo, Metasequoia is fairly easy to grow. It has a dominant leader which seldom needs staking, and the upright ascending branches are well attached and evenly spaced. It transplants well B&B. Unlike most conifers, the needles of Dawn Redwood are soft as a baby's behind. In spring and summer, they are a bright green, and in fall a showy rusty copper. In winter the limb structure and buttressing roots add interest, as well as the colorful bark. It's best to give Dawn Redwood's root system room to expand. After all, this is a big fella.