

DAWN REDWOOD

Metasequoia glyptostroboides

An ancient tree, it was thought to be extinct since it existed as a fossil with the dinosaurs until a small grove of it was rediscovered in 1944 in China. Deciduous, it likes full sun, is easily transplanted, prefers moist, deep, well drained soils and is fast growing from 70' -100'. It is well suited to modern landscape plantings. Its bark is fibrous, orange-brown to red-brown peeling vertically in stringy flakes. It has slender short leafy twigs with many leaves that are arranged opposite each other on short deciduous side shoots. The green to yellow-green leaves are 1" long, soft, flattened, and are ranked as feathery-like sprays. The 1" cones are long on stem, round, and mature in December.

Dawn Redwood trees, along with the American sweetgum, are new additions to the cemetery as part of the Arbor Day tree planting program. Five Dawn redwoods were planted in 2008 and another five were planted in 2009. They were planted alternating opposite each other around the loop road, called Oak Rd., that connects Elm Avenue to Valley Road in the northeastern most section of the cemetery down the hillside from the chapel.

