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Arkansas Champion Trees: An Artist's Journey

WATER TUPELO

(Nyssa aquatica) - White County, Bald Knob 2012

Colored pencil on paper by Linda Williams Palmer - 50" h x 36" w - framed

Detail: *Leaves, Water Tupelo* by Linda Williams Palmer - 18" h x 15" w - framed

CHAMPION STATISTICS

Circumference: 451" Crown Spread: 92.5' Height: 125' Bigness Index: 599

The Water Tupelo grows in swamps and floodplains. It is inexpensive wood that is used for railway ties, crates, and plywood cores. Its wood can be easily pulped for high-grade book and magazine papers. Birds love its small, dark purple fruit, and bees love the tree flowers that appear in March and April. Back in the day, hollow Water Tupelo trunks were used for "bee gums", or beehives, and some areas are still famous for their "Tupelo Honey." - LWP



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