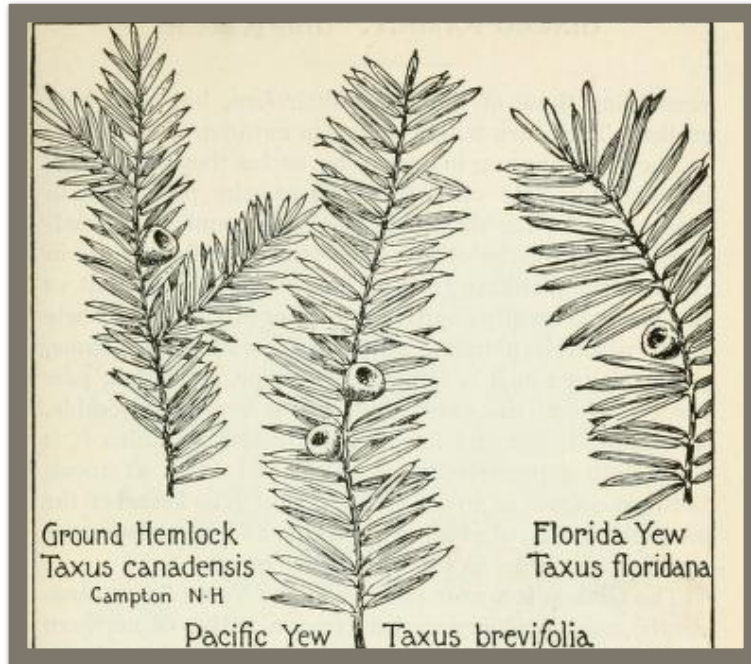


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## Native Range

There are 17 known wild populations on the Florida Natural Features Inventory. 16 are located in Liberty County and one is located in Gadsden County. Florida Yew grows on several private properties in this range.

**Apalachicola Bluffs and Ravines Preserve/Nature Conservancy/FL-** The Garden of Eden Trail is noted as one of the best places to view Florida Yew.

**Johnson Juniper Swamp/Liberty County, FL-** This location was noted by Kurz, in 1927, as the only location where *Taxus floridana* grows in association with white cedar. *It appears this population no longer exists.*

**Torreya State Park/Florida-** Found throughout the slopes and ravines. One specimen is near the picnic area.

## U.S. Government Collections

**U.S. Botanical Garden/Washington D.C.-** According to their website they have one specimen of cultivated origin. Received in 2005, this specimen is in the conservatory on a southern exposure.

**U.S. National Arboretum/Washington DC-** There are three specimens listed in the Fern Valley section. Two specimens originated from the Tom Dodd Nursery in 1984. The third specimen is older, 1979, and was received from Tall Timbers from its native range.

# Arboretums/Botanical Gardens

**Armstrong Campus of Georgia Southern University/Savannah, GA**-A southeastern gardening site mentions nice specimens growing at the campus. 11935 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA.

**Arnold Arboretum/Boston, MA**-Two specimens appear on their database. Both were added in December of 1989 from the Nicholson/Schwartz Expedition.

**Baker Arboretum/Bowling Green, KY**-Multiple specimens exist at this location. This is part of Western Kentucky University. 4801 Morgantown Rd., Bowling Green, KY.

**Biltmore Estate/Asheville, NC**-A gardening post states there is a “nice” specimen there.

**Brandeis University/Waltham, MA**-A gardening post notes large specimens growing at this location.

**Donald E. Davis Arboretum/Auburn, AL**-Unknown number of Florida Yew present. Merely noted as being in their collection. 181 Garden Drive, Auburn, AL.

**Harry P. Leu Gardens/Orlando, FL**-A southeastern gardening site mentions a specimen growing at this location, as well as a photograph of this specimen’s foliage. 1920 N Forest Ave., Orlando, FL.

**Lockerly Arboretum/Milledgeville, GA**-This private Arboretum has at least one specimen of Florida Yew. 1534 Irwinton Rd, Milledgeville, GA.

**Thompson Mills Forest & Arboretum/Braselton, GA**-This location has two specimens on the red trail and two specimens on the yellow trail of the John C. Buchanan Collection of Native Plants. It appears that all four specimens were planted in 1986. This location is part of the UGA Warnell School of Forestry. 1898 Liberty Church Rd., Braselton, GA.

**Washington Park Arboretum/Seattle, WA**-this location has two accessions listed. An older bulletin lists a specimen being near the Lookout. It appears this specimen originated from a Pennsylvania nursery in 1957.

Taxus floridana	Taxaceae	Florida Yew	1066-57*A	10-3E
Taxus floridana	Taxaceae	Florida Yew	1066-57*B	Inquire

## Private Homes/Gardens

**Clint Bancroft/Greasy Creek, TN**-Clint has a collection of Florida Yew from several sources and has successfully rooted cuttings.

**Charles Webb/Madison, FL**-Mr. Webb is the owner of Superior Trees and Mail Order Nursery. Stock of this plant comes from his collection.

**Jack Johnston/Lakemont, GA**-Jack has a collection of Florida Yew from several sources and has successfully rooted cuttings.

**Mike Heim/Hayward, WI**-Two specimens of Florida Yew, cutting grown, are shown on his page of the Torreya Guardians website. These plants are surviving the winter in Wisconsin.

**Paul Schneider/Portland, TN**-A blog entry mentions that cuttings were acquired from the front yard of Paul Schneider's house.

**South Hadley, MA**-There are photographs of good size specimens posted on Dave's Garden website.

## Nurseries

**Big Frog Nursery/Rutherfordton, NC**-has had Florida Yew for sale.

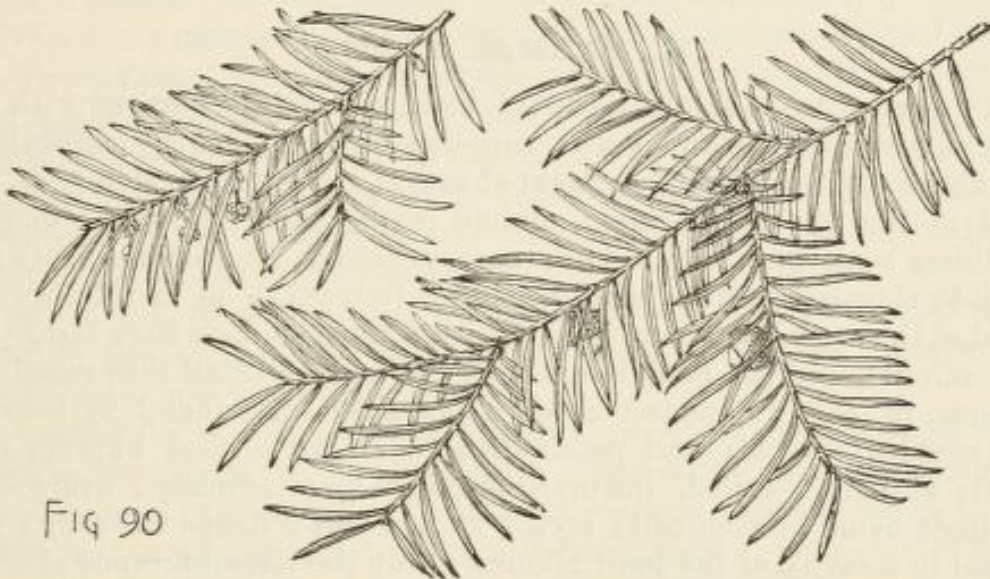
**Nearly Native Nursery/Fayetteville, GA**-has had Florida Yew for sale.

**Woodlanders Nursery/Aiken, SC**-has had Florida Yew for sale.

2. *Taxus Floridana*, Chapm. Yew.

**Leaves** usually conspicuously falcate,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ' to nearly 1' long,  $\frac{1}{16}$ '- $\frac{1}{2}$ ' wide, dark green above, pale below, with obscure midribs and slender petioles about  $\frac{1}{16}$ ' long. **Flowers** appearing in March. **Fruit** ripens in October.

A bushy tree, rarely 25° high, with a short trunk occasionally 1° in diameter, and numerous stout spreading branches; more often shrubby in habit and 12°-15°



tall. **Bark**  $\frac{1}{8}$ ' thick, dark purple-brown, smooth, compact, occasionally separating into large thin irregular plate-like scales. **Wood** heavy, hard, very close-grained, dark brown tinged with red, with thin nearly white sapwood.

**Distribution.** River bluffs and ravines on the eastern bank of the Appalachicola River, in Gadsden County, western Florida, from Aspalaga to the neighborhood of Bristol.