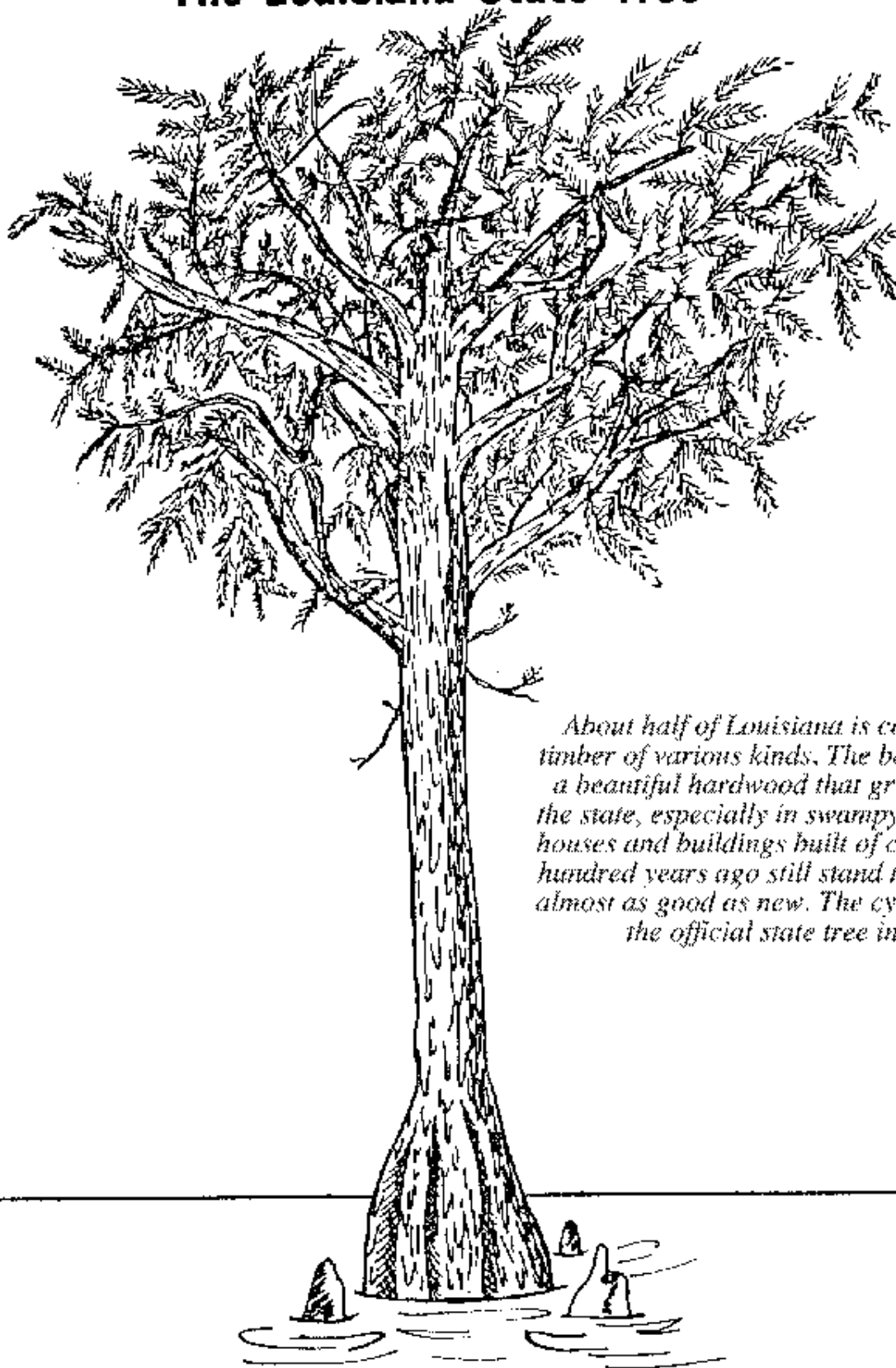


BALD CYPRESS

The Louisiana State Tree



About half of Louisiana is covered with timber of various kinds. The bald cypress is a beautiful hardwood that grows all over the state, especially in swampy areas. Many houses and buildings built of cypress over a hundred years ago still stand today and are almost as good as new. The cypress became the official state tree in 1963.