

Darwin, Northern  
Territory, Australia

## OUTBACK BOTANICAL RESERVE & DISTILLERY

Partner Since 2007

*Botanical sourced from this distillery: Blue Cypress*

### DISTILLERY LOCATION AND BACKGROUND

The Outback of Australia's Northern Territory is the backdrop for this location's acreage of Australian cypress trees. The Outback Botanical Reserve and Distillery drew upon ethnobotanical use in Aboriginal practices to discover a new, now-patented method of distillation that resulted in Blue Cypress essential oil. Young Living's Partner Farm Grant provided the funds for the distillery, establishing one of our earliest partnerships.

### BOTANICAL BACKGROUND

Dating back centuries, Australian cypress pine (*Callitris intratropica*) has a long history of traditional use by Indigenous Australian people in a variety of applications. More recently in the early 19th century, settlers of British and of Chinese origin used these cypress trees as a sturdy, termite-resistant building material, eventually establishing a designated forest reserve to protect this versatile but slow-growing resource. Australian cypress pine trees were also used to build the territory's telegraph line, which began construction in 1870.

**The Outback  
Botanical Reserve is  
best known for the  
resilient cypress pine.**

### DISTILLING

Blue Cypress has a 72-hour distillation time, the longest of any essential oil. It then takes at least another 48 hours to crystallize and then 24 hours of filtration to go from the raw cypress pine plant material to pure essential oil. The Outback Botanical Reserve and Distillery uses a patented distillation technique that draws from Indigenous tradition and results in a unique, cobalt blue essential oil.



## HOW THE DISTILLERY GOT ITS START

Motivated by his tireless curiosity about new and exotic essential oils, Young Living Founder D. Gary Young and Co-Founder Mary Young visited Darwin, Australia, in 1997. They toured the fields of this forest reserve and gained a powerful appreciation for the rich aroma and many uses of the Australian cypress pine.

After the Outback Reserve received a patent from the Australian government in 2002 for its unique distillation process, Young Living provided the funds to build the distillery. Beginning in 2007, Outback Botanical Reserve and Distillery founders Vince and MaryAnne Collins began working closely with Young Living, supplying Blue Cypress essential oil and guiding members on tours of the reserve.



## DID YOU KNOW?



The Outback Botanical Reserve and Distillery won the Northern Territory Advanced Manufacturing award and was a national finalist, highlighting its success in the manufacturing and distribution of premium Australian Blue Cypress essential oil.



The genus name of Australian cypress pine, *Callitris*, is derived from the Greek *calli* (beautiful) and *treis* (three) in reference to the triangular shape of the scale-like needles arranged in whorls of three.



Though Blue Cypress essential oil has a woody pine scent similar to other evergreens, it has its own unique benefits and an even more unique appearance: a sparkling cobalt blue hue. This color results from a beneficial compound called guaiazulene that forms during the distillation process.



## LOOKING AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY



**Conserving forests.** Following a devastating typhoon in 1974 that flattened the city of Darwin, Australians began looking to concrete and brick as a more resilient material, and the government abandoned the cypress forest reserves. The Outback Botanical Reserve and Distillery protects the trees by giving them a new use and a second life.

**Working toward zero waste.** This partner continuously meets its sustainability and zero-waste goals and also repurposes cypress buds as a crafting material. Sales of these buds fund continued research into innovative distillation methods.

**Educating the community.** The Outback Botanical Reserve and Distillery offers agricultural experiences for the community and local schools as a way to educate about agriculture while connecting people with the earth.