

Conifer Key

1. Leaves look like scales.....White Cedar

1. Leaves are distinct needles

2. Needles are in bundles

3. Two needles/bundle

4. Needles 3 1/2—7" long; cones 1—2" long, round.....Red Pine

4. Needles 3/4—1 1/2" long; cones 1 1/2—2 3/4" long, oval, and closed.....Jack Pine

3. Five or more needles/bundle

5. Five needles/bundle, 2 3/4—4 3/4" long; cones 4—10" long, oval.....White Pine

5. Ten—twenty needles/bundle, 3/4—1" long; cones 1/4—3/4" long, round.....Tamarack

2. Needles grow singly along branch

6. Needles are square-shaped

7. Needles 1/4—1/2" long; cones 1/2" long, round.....Black Spruce

7. Needles 1/2—3/4" long; cones 1—2" long, oval.....White Spruce

6. Needles are flat

8. Needles 1/2—1 1/4" long; cones 2—4" long, oval.....Balsam Fir

8. Needles are 1/4—1/2" long and have a short stem; cones 1/2—3/4" long, round.....Hemlock

