

Leaf Identification



White Pine
(*Pinus strobus*)

White pine is a large tree at maturity reaching 50'-80' with a 20'-40' spread. It has a pyramidal form. Older trees are often topped with a flattened leading branch that points in the direction of the prevailing winds. The needles are 2"-5" long, light bluish-green, soft, and flexible. The 3"-7" cones are formed after 5 to 10 years of age, with full crops occurring every three to five years. Birds and mammals, including squirrels, rabbits, beaver, and deer, eat the seeds, bark, and foliage. Branches provide nesting, roosting, and cover for birds and animals.

White pine will tolerate a wide variety of conditions, including dry, rocky and wet soils, full sun to light shade, and humidity. It prefers full sun and moist, well-drained soil. Plant 8'-12' apart for a windbreak or 30' apart for dense privacy hedge. This native evergreen is fast-growing and may live for more than 200 years.