

Eastern White Pine

Pinus strobus

-The Eastern White Pine is the only native pine tree of Wisconsin to have 5 needles in each clump. All of the other native pines only have 2 needles per clump. So if you are standing east of the Rocky Mountains and see a pine tree, count the needles, if there are five, then it is an Eastern White Pine. An easy way to remember it is that there are 5 needles per bundle in the Eastern White Pine, and 5 letters in the word “white”.

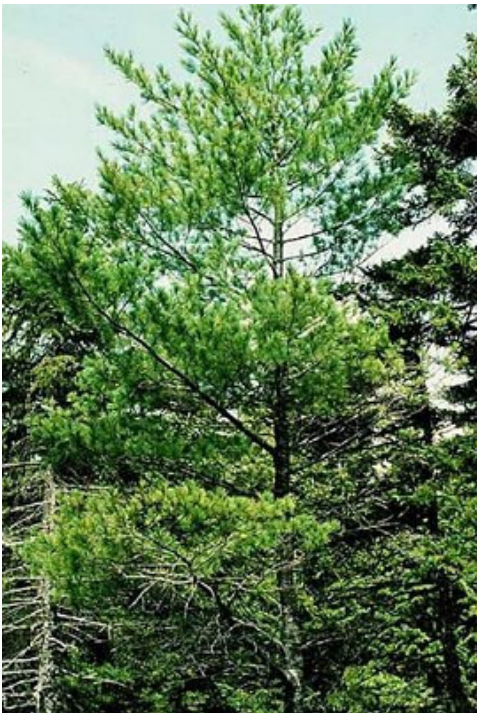
-The Eastern White Pine is one of the classic “up north” trees.

-Some say that it is the tree that “built” Wisconsin. This behemoth can reach heights of 100 feet and have a 3 ½ foot diameter.

-The Eastern White Pine is such a wonderful sight from a distance. With its long outstretched branches silhouetting the sunrise across the lake, grab a cup of coffee and enjoy.

-The Eastern White Pine is adaptable from dry sites right down to the water’s edge, as long as it is not flooded.

-As evergreens go, this is my favorite! It has value to birds and the human soul!



But, ah! The needles of the pine, how they shine, as I look down over the Holden woods and westward! Every tree is lit with the most subdued, but clear ethereal light, as if it were the most delicate frost work in a winter morning, reflecting no heat, but only light.

-Henry David Thoreau

-March 18, 1858