

Conifer Key

1. If your tree sample has **long needles** (3-5 inches long) go to 1A.



1A. If your tree sample has **5 needles** in a bunch (with long 4-8 in. cones) your tree is a **WHITE PINE**

If not go to 1B.



1B. If your tree sample has **2 needles** in a bunch (with round 3 inch cones) your tree is a **RED PINE**.

2. If your tree sample has **short needles** (1 inch or less) go to 2A.

2A. Squeeze the branch with your hand, if it has **sharp prickly needles** go to 7.

2B. Squeeze the branch with your hand, if it has **softer needles** to your touch go to 4

3. If your tree has branched, scaly, flat leaves (with tiny cones) it is a **WHITE CEDAR**.



4. If your tree sample has its **needles growing in whirled clusters on small woody stems** it is a **TAMARACK**

If not go to 5.



5. If your tree sample has **1 inch flat needles growing flat on either side of the twig** (big cones on top of twigs) your tree is a **BALSAM FIR**. If not go to 6.



6. If your tree sample has **1/2 inch flat needles growing around the twig** (small 1/2 inch cones hanging down) your tree is a **HEMLOCK**.



7. If your tree sample has **sharp (ouch), rounded needles all around the stem** your tree is a **SPRUCE**.

