

BEAR-PAW REGIONAL GREENWAYS

IDENTIFYING CONIFERS BY LEAF SHAPE & ARRANGEMENT

Using their foliage is the easiest and best way to identify trees, and fortunately for us most conifers are evergreen, which means their leaves are always around to act as a guide!

HOW ARE THE NEEDLES ARRANGED ON THE BRANCH?

2+ NEEDLES ARE BUNDLED TOGETHER

FLATTENED, INDIVIDUAL NEEDLES

How many needles are there per bundle?

2-3 NEEDLES

5 NEEDLES

10+ NEEDLES

2 or 3?

2

3

You've found an
EASTERN WHITE PINE

You've found a
TAMARACK
(also known as the eastern larch)

You've found a
PITCH PINE

What do the needles look like?

4-6 IN.
LONG &
ROUND

You've found a
RED PINE

1.5 IN.
LONG &
FLATTENED

You've found a
JACK PINE

How many sides do the needles have?

2 SIDES
(does not roll in your fingers easily)

MULTI-SIDED
(rolls easily between your fingers)

How long are the needles?

1 IN.
LONG

You've found a
BALSAM FIR

1/2 IN.
LONG

You've found an
EASTERN HEMLOCK

What color & shape are the needles?

You've found a
RED SPRUCE

YELLOW-GREEN & POINTY

You've found a
BLACK SPRUCE

BLUE-GREEN & BLUNT