

Field Guide to the

# Trees of Wareham









## **Eastern White Pine**

#### **Pinuw Strobus**

Other names: White pine, Northern White Pine, Weymouth Pine, Soft Pine

Size: Up to 150 feet tall

#### Identification:

Young bark is thin, greyish-green, and smooth. Mature bark is 1 to 2 inches thick with broad ridges of dark-tinged scales.

Needles are light, bluish-green, soft, straight and slender. Needles measure anywhere from 5 to 15 cm (2 to 6") long, are three-sided, finely toothed, and occur in bundles of 5

Fun fact: The Eastern White Pine has a life span of up to 400 years!

# **Red Pine**

#### Pinus resinosa

Other names: Norway Pine

Size: Up to 100 feet tall

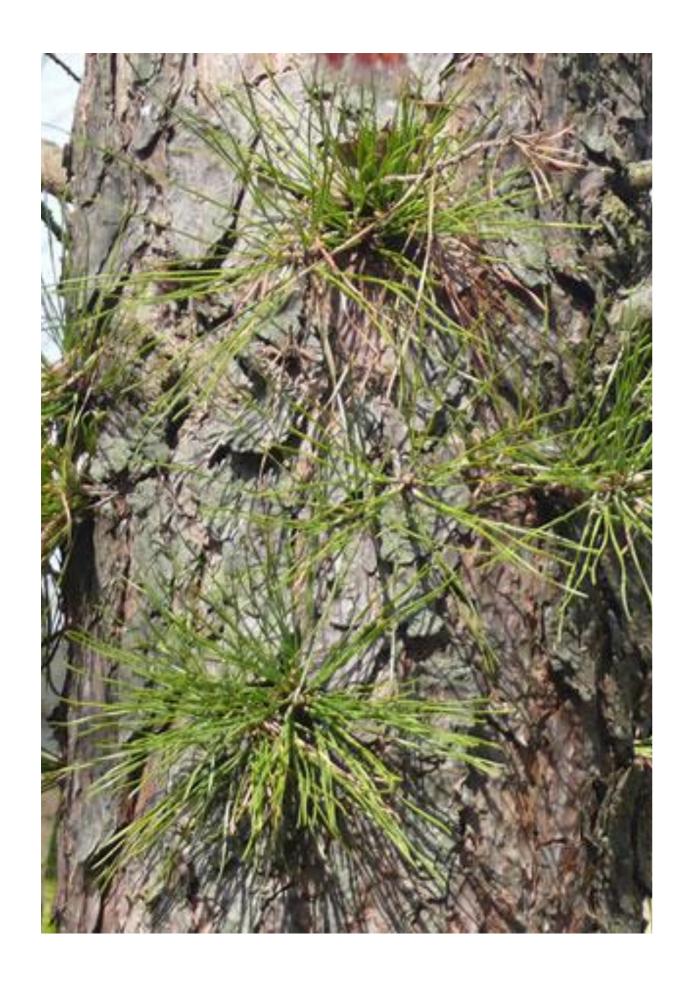
Identification:

Bright orange or reddish bark, divided into large plates.

The dark green needles are soft and flexible. They are four to six inches long and in bundles of two.

Fun fact: The Red Pine is self-pruning!





## **Pitch Pine**

## Pinus rigida

Other names: Southern Pine, Black Pine, Torch Pine

Size: 40 to 80 feet tall

## Identification:

The red-brown bark is cracked and scaly.

The needles are green and about 4 inches long. The needles often tangle together, and there are three needles on a needle base.

## **Eastern White Oak**

#### Quercus alba

Size: 80-100 feet tall

Identification:

The bark is light gray divided by shallow fissures into blocks.

White Oak leaves are 5 to 9 inches long with blunt-ended lobes.

Male flowers are green, female flowers are reddish.

Fun fact: The Eastern White Oak can live up to 600 years!







# **Northern Red Oak**

#### Quercus Rubra

Other names: Champion Oak

Size: 60-75 feet tall

#### Identification:

The bark of the Red Oak is smooth and gray. Its leaves are about 8 inches long.

Compared to the White Oak, the points of the leaf are sharper and more angular-ended lobes.

Fun fact: The red oak grows up to two feet every 10 years!

## **American Beech**

## Fagus grandfolia

Other names: Norway Pine

Size: Up to 80 feet tall

Identification:

American Beech bark is thin, smooth, and light gray.

The leaves are 2.5 to 6 inches long. They have an elliptical shape with many parallel side veins and course, saw-toothed ridges.

Fun fact: American Beech bark remains smooth even through mature years, unlike most other hardwood trees!

