


pitch pine *Pinaceae* *Pinus rigida* Mill.  symbol: PIRI

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Leaf: Evergreen needles, 2 1/2 to 5 inches long, with three twisted needles per fascicle, yellow-green to green.

Flower: Species is monoecious; males cylindrical, red to yellow, in large clusters at twig tips; females yellow to red, with small, curved scales.

Fruit: Cones are ovoid, 2 to 4 inches long, light brown in color; umbo is armed with a short, stout prickle; cones are often persistent for many years; maturing in fall.

Twig: Orange-brown and moderately stout; buds narrowly ovoid, light gray-brown.

Bark: Dark and scaly when young, developing red-brown or yellow-brown thick flat plates with deep furrows; sprouts of needles may be present.

Form: Extremely variable; short and poorly formed on poor sites, but can be a straight, medium sized tree reachin 80 feet tall on better sites; epicormic sprouting is common.

Looks like: [loblolly pine](#) - [shortleaf pine](#) - [pond pine](#) - [Table Mountain pine](#)



Additional Range Information:
Pinus rigida is native to North America. Range may be expanded by planting. [See states reporting pitch pine.](#)

External Links:
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