


**Scots pine** *Pinaceae Pinus sylvestris* L.  symbol: PISY



**Leaf:** Evergreen needles, 1 1/2 to 3 inches long, with two stout, twisted needles per fascicle, blue-green with distinct stomatal bands.

**Flower:** Species is monoecious; males cylindrical, yellow, in large clusters along twigs; females oval, yellow-green to purple.

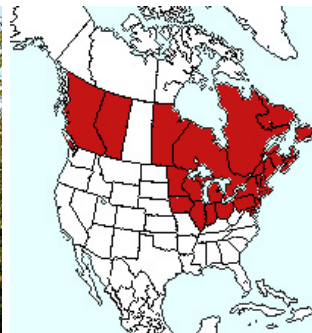
**Fruit:** Cones are ovoid, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches long, yellow-brown in color and slightly stalked; umbo is somewhat armed, with a blunt spine; apophysis resembles a pyramid, particularly on basal scales; maturing in the fall.

**Twig:** Moderately stout, green when young, changing to yellow-brown to olive-brown with large orangish, narrowly ovoid buds.

**Bark:** Orange to orange-brown and scaly or peeling when young; later developing irregular gray or red-brown ridges and furrows. Upper crowns always show orange peeling bark.

**Form:** A medium sized tree reaching up to 90 feet tall, often with a twisted or poorly formed trunk (depending on origin of seed). Young crowns are rounded; older crowns become round-topped.

**Looks like:** [jack pine](#) - [Virginia pine](#) - [Japanese red pine](#)



Native to Europe and Asia, planted in zones 2-8 for timber and landscape purposes, and known to escape locally.

**Additional Range Information:**

*Pinus sylvestris* is planted in the [USDA hardiness zones](#) shown above and **may seed into the landscape**. See [states reporting Scots pine](#).

**External Links:**

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