Eastern White Pine

Genus/species *Pinus strobus*

Family **Pinaceae**

Distribution **Eastern US**

N Georgia northward along mountains to New Jersey, including E Tennessee and E Kentucky
Throughout Pennsylvania, New York and New England
E Ohio, NE Iowa, and most of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota

Comments This is the only native eastern "soft" pine. Its needles are very flexible, appearing bluish-green and in bundles of 5. Its rather narrow female cones are not prickly. It can become a large tree and does best in moderately moist but well-drained soil, and is often cultivated as an ornamental. Its wind-blown pollen is produced in rather large quantities from small male catkins in the spring, and the female or seed cones ripen after their second summer of growth.