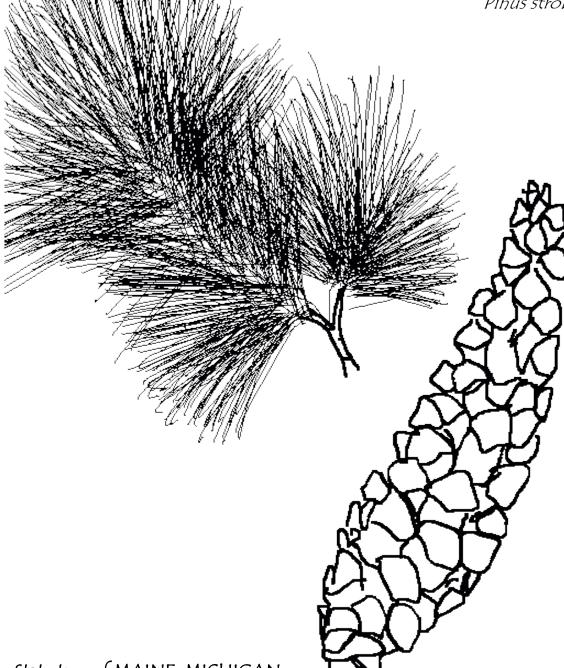
Eastern white pine

Pinus strobus



State tree of MAINE, MICHIGAN

Eastern white pine has a long history of timber use in the northeastern U.S. and adjacent Canada. It is the tallest tree of eastern North America, and was ideal for ship masts. During the Colonial Period the best trees in New England were marked on the trunk with the symbol of the King's Broad Arrow, signifying these trees were reserved for the King of England and the Royal Navy. Today, it is often used as an ornamental tree, for wind breaks, and for screening areas. Look for trees to grow 150 feet tall; thin needles about five inches long, soft and flexible, in groups of five; with white lines along the lower surface; slender cones four to eight inches long.