

# Red Pine vs Scots Pine

Red Pine and Scots Pine are often confused. Furthermore, one is a native tree that has been re-planted extensively throughout South and Central Ontario, and the other is very

## Red Pine (*Pinus resinosa*)

A native tree in Ontario, the Red Pine was extensively planted from the late-1960's onward.



The needles of the Red Pine are green and much longer. They tend to be about 4.5 to 6 inches



The bark of red pine is consistently reddish through the length of the stem. Furthermore, the texture of the bark is very consistent.

## Scots Pine (*Pinus sylvestris*)

Native to Siberia, Scots Pine has become established in North America. However, it is a fairly innocuous invasive that is not as successful as Native Trees in natural areas.



With Scots Pine, the needles are shortish, blue-green and range from 1.5-3 inches in length.



The bark of Scots Pine tends to be gray at the bottom, and a lighter orange at the top, with a distinctly tissue paper-like texture up high in the tree.