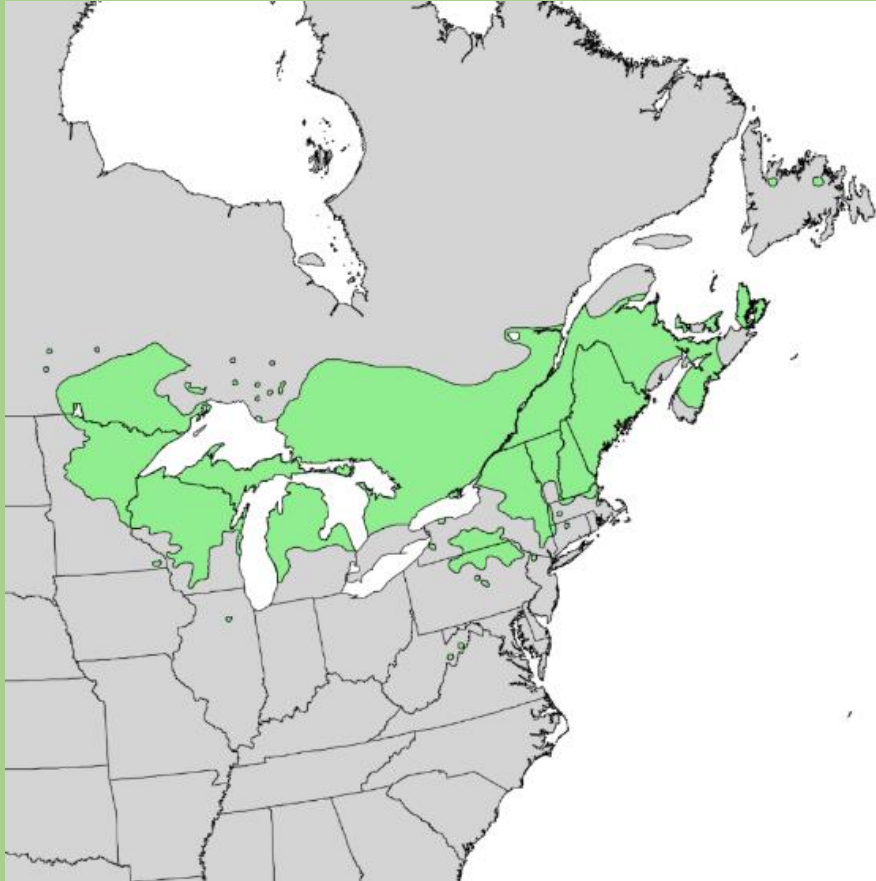


Red Pine

Pinus resinosa



The red pine is an evergreen conifer native to the northeastern US and southeastern Canada. The tree is sometimes known to as the Norway pine, referring to its discovery in Norway, Maine, but the name is discouraged since it is only native to North America. It can reach upwards of 50-80 feet and can have a diameter of 2-3 feet. Its needles grow in clusters of 2, reaching a length of about 4-6 inches, and are soft to touch. Its prickly cones are oval shaped and about 2 inches in length. The bark is distinguished by the reddish-brown plates that run up the tree, tending to show light fissures as they mature. The species has many commercial uses, including telephone poles, railroad ties, paper, and even as windbreakers, which can help protect livestock and crops from winter effects. Its seeds are eaten by wildlife, including deer, small mammals and songbirds. Larger birds sometimes use it as a nesting site, like bald eagles and osprey.