

Loblolly Pine

Genus/species	<i>Pinus taeda</i>
Family	Pinaceae
Distribution	<p>Southeastern US Central Florida westward to eastern Texas Eastern Texas through Gulf Coast states, Georgia and South Carolina to central North Carolina Central North Carolina northward along Atlantic Coastal Plain to southern Delaware Absent from Lower Mississippi Valley</p>

Comments Loblolly pine is cultivated well outside its natural range for its wood and as an ornamental, thus obscuring its natural distribution. It is the most common pine in much of its range, and grows in a variety of habitats, often “pioneering” in old fields. It avoids very wet areas as well as extremely dry soils.

This species has thin yellow-green needles in bundles of 3 and are usually about 12 to 18 cm long. The tiny male (pollen) cones are orange-yellow and appear in clusters in the spring, and they release large quantities of wind-blown pollen. The female (seed) cones mature at about 10 to 15 cm long.

