



Conifer Trees

There are three coniferous trees native to the UK, these are the Scots Pine, Juniper and Yew trees.



Scots Pine



Juniper Tree



Yew Tree

Scots Pine

- Britain's largest native conifer, the Scots Pine can grow to 30m tall and live up to 700 years
- Evergreen tree (holds its leaves all year round). The leaves are a blue-green colour, grow in clusters of two and look like needles. The needles are soft, not sharp.
- Mature trees can be identified from their bark which is brown at the base and turns reddish at the top of the tree.
- After pollination, the female flower develops into a cone.



Juniper Tree

- The Juniper tree can grow up to 10m tall and live up to 200 years.
- Evergreen tree. Its green leaves resemble spiky needles.
- The fruit of the tree looks like blueberries. The berry-like cones start of green but as they mature they turn into a dark purple/black colour.
- Its bark is a grey-brown colour which begins to peel as the tree ages.



Yew Tree

- Yew trees can grow up to 20m tall and can live up to 900 years.
- Evergreen tree. The green needle-like leaves grow in two rows on either side of the twig.
- Unlike the Scots Pine and Juniper tree, the yew tree's seed doesn't grow in a cone. Each seed is within a small red berry called an aril.
- The foliage and the seed inside the aril are highly poisonous to humans and animals.
- The bark is a reddish brown and as it matures, it begins to look purple.

