

White Pine (*Pinus strobus*)

Origin: Native to northern Illinois; it does not naturally range to Central Illinois.

Status in Park: Rare. A single tree is known, which was likely introduced as a seed from outside the park.

Characteristics: Large tree, can be over 150 feet tall and 3 feet in diameter, crown pyramidal; bark brown to dark brown, divided into broad ridges; twigs slender, orange-brown, smooth; flowers of both sexes present, male flowers in several yellow spikes up to 1/3 inch long, female flowers in fewer groups, pink to purple; fruits are smooth woody cones, up to 8 inches long, drooping, seeds attached to wings, about 3/4 inches long.

Leaves: Leaves are needles in clusters of 5, very flexible, up to 5 inches long, blue-green.



Location of tagged tree:



Notes: Wood lightweight, soft, light brown, used for construction lumber, boxes, furniture. Sometimes used as Christmas trees. It is often planted as a yard tree, however, and thrives in this area.