

# *Pinus taeda*

## Loblolly pine



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### The Pine Family (Pinaceae)

Loblolly pine is a tall-growing tree with alternate, evergreen needles in bundles of three; deep-furrowed, rectangular bark.

### Habitat:

It grows in sandy or gravelly savannas, damp lowlands and hilly woodlands.

### Interesting Facts:

This tree, whose name means “mud puddle,” is the most important commercial pine in the southeast because of its quick growth and size. The flavor extract vanilla is created from its pulpwood. Chemicals from its resin have been used as a liniment, antiseptic and diuretic.

### Fruit:

Red-brown cones 3-6” in length with spiked scales produce papery winged seeds are its fruit.

### Flower:

Male flowers are long cylindrical, reddish-yellow clusters at branch tips; female flowers are yellow to purple.

### Wildlife value:

It is a cover and food source for multiple woodpecker species, squirrels and other small mammals.