**Summary of Cones and Needles**

A. **Pitch Pine**: 3 needles; smallish somewhat rounded cone

B. **Shortleaf Pine**: 2 needles per bundle; egg shaped cone, usually without prickles

C. **Virginia Pine**: 2 very short, twisted needles per bundle; small cones with thin, sharp prickles

D. **White Pine**: 5 soft needles with a silvery line per bundle; long, thin cones

E. **Table Mountain** Pine: 2 stiff, slightly twisted needles per bundle; very distinctive rounded cone with stout, strong “rhinocerous horn” prickles. Some cones open, some cones closed or partly closed.



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C. Virginia Pine

A. Pitch Pine

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D. White Pine

*Photo by Jay Pakchar, taken in Tallulah Gorge on a quartzite rock outcrop*



**Pitch**

**Table Mtn**

**Shortleaf**

**Virginia**

**White**