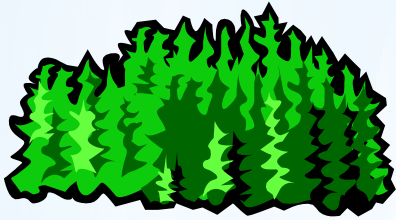


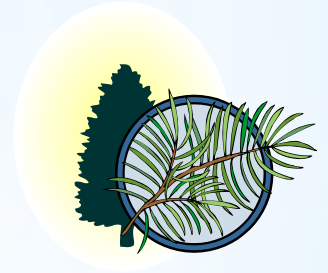
Elmer Says...

Conifers are cool!

Conifers (*Kon-nuh-fers*) grow cones on their branches. Conifers are evergreen trees. They have needles instead of leaves. Conifers are green even in the winter because new needles replace dead needles right away.



Evergreen trees provide food and shelter for animals and birds.



Needles on evergreens can be short and prickly, or long and skinny. Needles also smell really good!



Seeds form inside the cone and fall out. They can be spread by animals and the wind!



Evergreen trees like spruce, pine, and fir are used for Christmas trees!

