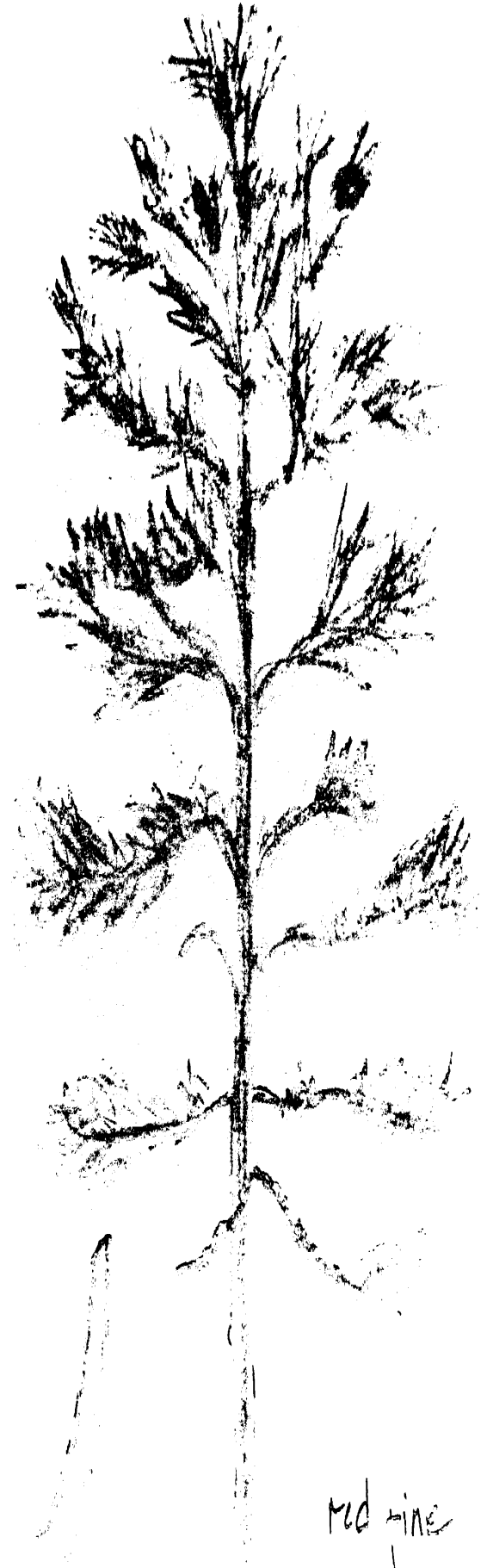


# Tree Facts

- “Lungs of the World”
- Largest and longest living organisms on Earth
- Filter and trap pollutants such as smoke, dust and ash
- Absorb harmful chemicals (carbon monoxide) and give off oxygen
- Provide habitats for animals
- Provide wood for homes, bridges, buildings, boats, furniture and more
- Dead trees buried in the ground provide fossil fuels (coal, gas)
- A tree at Blithewold Gardens, in Bristol, Rhode Island reported to be 90 ft tall, claims to be the tallest in Rhode Island
- Many trees in Rhode Island are over 200 years old
- The State Tree of Rhode Island is the Red Maple
- Native trees of Rhode Island include many varieties of maple, beech, birch, oak, sassafras, dogwood, pine and more






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## Flowering Dogwood

What is one of the most beautiful flowering trees in Rhode Island? The Dogwood. In the spring this small tree has white flowers. In the fall the leaves turn red, and it has red berries that are food for many kinds of birds.



**COLOR:**  
white with a  
touch of yellow

**FOUND:**  
forest edges, in  
the understory