

## ATLANTIC WHITE-CEDAR

*Chamaecyparis thyoides* (L.) B. S. P.

Atlantic or coast white-cedar is found in bogs or low areas along ponds or streams at Newbert Pond in Appleton, Knight Pond in Northport, and from Cape Elizabeth south through York County. In Maine it rarely reaches a height of over 40 feet. The short branches come out from a gradually tapering trunk, giving the tree a conical appearance. The twigs are only slightly flattened.

The **bark** is fibrous, grayish to reddish brown, often with twisted spirals, and on young trees is easily pulled off in strips.



The **leaves** are bluish-green, scale-like, and arranged in somewhat fan-shaped clusters. When crushed, they give off an aromatic odor.

The **cones** are small, round, smooth and purplish in color before maturity, about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in diameter with tack-like scales. They persist through the winter, but are very inconspicuous.

The **wood** is light, close-grained, strongly fragrant, and light brown in color tinged with red. It is brittle and therefore of limited use. The shavings are used for dog-bedding.