

KEENE PARKS & RECREATION

WHAT IS RED PINE SCALE?

Red Pine Scale is an invasive pest found throughout New England, New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey; it was identified in NH Bear Brook State Park in 2012 and in the Yale Forest (Swansey) in 2024. The invasive pest travels by wind and bird, solely impacting Red Pine trees. Red Pine Scale feeds on the Red Pine tree's inner bark, causing crown thinning, needle loss, and ultimately, tree death. Early signs of infestation include a white, cotton-like material on lower branches of the tree crown and a rusty discoloration of needles starting at the base of the crown. The only effective control is tree removal.

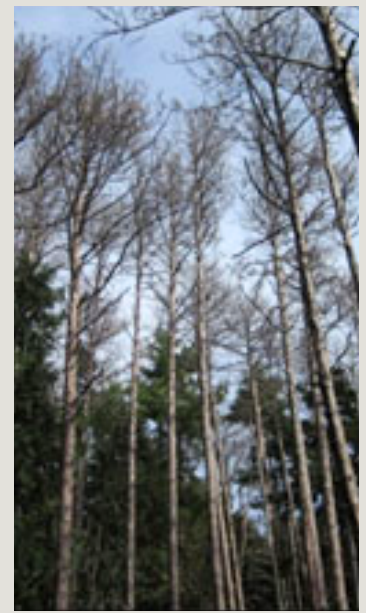


WHAT IS KEENE DOING ABOUT RED PINE SCALE?

Keene Parks & Recreation is working closely with the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands and the UNH Cooperative Extension community foresters, urban foresters, and forest health specialists to educate our community. The FY26 Capital Improvement Program includes forestry assessment funding. Stay up to date with educational outreach, information opportunities, and future plans on our website: keenenh.gov/parks-trails-recreation/



Evidence of RPS infestation



Eventual red pine tree mortality