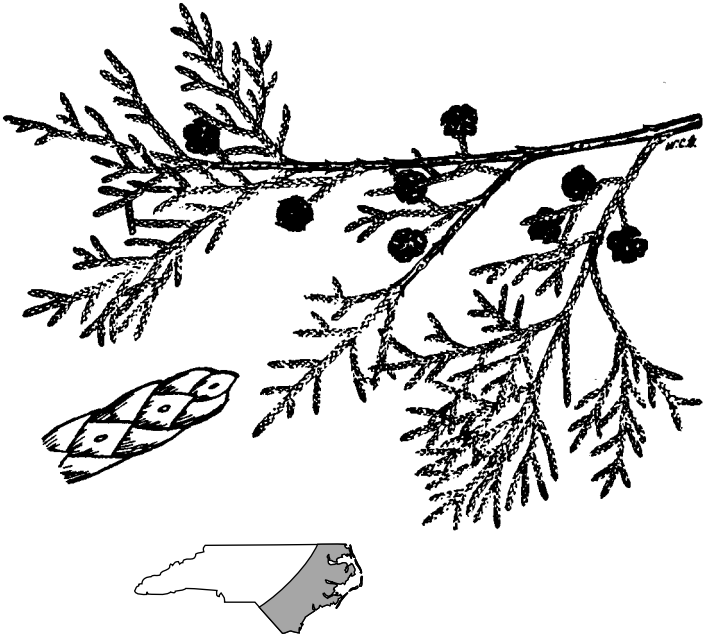


# Atlantic White Cedar

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



Atlantic white cedar, known locally as juniper, is exclusively a tree of the Coastal Plain. It is found in freshwater bogs, depressions, swamps and along streambanks. Atlantic white cedar grows with baldcypress and swamp hardwoods, but usually is found in pure stands called "glades." The tree reaches 40 to 85 feet in height and about two feet in diameter.

The branchlets are covered with dark blue-green, overlapping scales about 1/8 inches long. The **fruit** is 1/4 inch in diameter, bluish-purple when ripe and has a somewhat crumpled appearance.

The **bark** of the Atlantic white cedar is light reddish-brown and peels off in long, fibrous strips. The **wood** is very durable, fine grained, not strong and is slightly fragrant. It is used for shingles, posts, woodenware, interior finishes and is highly prized for boat construction.