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Conifer Life Cycle



Conifers look like evergreen trees and many of them are. The difference between an evergreen and a conifer is that a conifer tree has cones, not flowers like some plants have in order to make the seeds. The seeds for the conifer tree like the pine tree are found within the cones. Sometimes the cone falls to the ground and the seeds come out and sometimes the seeds fall out of the cone to the ground. When the seeds land on the ground and have enough soil, water and sun, they will begin to sprout. After sprouting, they become seedlings, these grow into a saplings and eventually into young trees to adult trees. The adult trees will grow small and large cones which will help start the life cycle all over again.

- ❶ In your own words explain the life cycle of a conifer tree.
- ❷ How are conifers different than flowering plants?
- ❸ What would happen if there were no pine cones?
- ❹ Illustrate and describe the stages of the conifer life's cycle.