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| 1 | Mature leaves borne on long shoots, solitary; short shoots absent. | (2) |
| + | Mature leaves borne on short or long shoots in whorls or fascicles. | (3) |
| 2 (1) | Leaves linear flattened in cross section, not borne on peg like projections. Cones erect. Sporangia opening by transverse slits. | <i>Abies</i> |
| + | Leaves needle like, quadrangular in cross section, borne on peg like projections. Cones pendulous. Sporangia opening by longitudinal slits. | <i>Picea</i> |
| 3 (1) | Leaves short, needle like, spiral on long shoots; fascicled on dwarf ones. Cones erect, only scales falling off at maturity. Male cones solitary on dwarf branches. | <i>Cedrus</i> |
| + | Leaves scale like on long shoots; short shoots with long acicular leaves. Male cones clustered at the base of young dwarf shoots. | <i>Pinus</i> |