

★ **Why Evergreens Keep Their Leaves**

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Unable to fly south for the winter, a lone redbird seeks shelter in the surrounding woods, but not every tree is a gracious host. In this folk tale, fairy tale, and just-so story all in one, deep pine greens, bright red feathers, and a medley of golden leaves make each tree identifiable. The fir, juniper, and blue spruce each volunteer to keep the redbird safe as autumn turns to winter, earning the Frost Queen's eternal favor.

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