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Why the Pine Tree Does Not Shed Its Leaves

One year long ago, winter was approaching. All of the migratory birds were preparing to fly away to warmer lands for the winter. There was, however, one small bird who had broken its wing and thus would be unable to fly south with the others

The mother of this small injured bird begged many different trees to protect her infant. All of them except the pine tree refused to agree to provide protection. The pine tree opened up its branches and allowed the tiny bird to hide among them. The needles of the pine tree did not fall out

year, and the tiny bird was protected by them all winter long. That was the first winter it had not shed its needles, but after that it never again shed them.