

This is a **sandhills savanna** with **longleaf pines, turkey oaks, post oaks, bluejack oak, sandhill lupin**, and lots of **wiregrass**.

Longneedle is a nest tree for the **red-cockaded woodpeckers**. One at nest hole, one flying toward nest with caterpillars in beak.

Note that Longneedle has a **red-heart fungus** fruiting under her branch. A longleaf log lies on the ground near Longneedle.

A **rat snake** is starting to climb the charred trunk of Longneedle. Longleaf pinecones rest on ground near snake.

A **grey fox**, with a **cottontail rabbit** in mouth, crouches near several small longleaf pine saplings.

A **bluebird** hovers near another longleaf pine tree.

A **red-shouldered hawk** flies in the distance.

An **anole** climbs a young longleaf pine in the foreground, and (hard to see!) a **pine elfin butterfly** is hiding among the needles of the sapling.

Two **bobwhite quail** discuss important quail matters in the wiregrass behind the longleaf pine sapling.

Longneedle

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