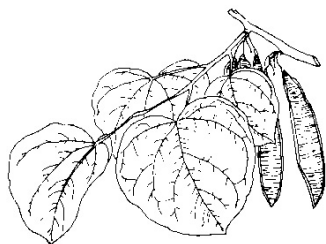
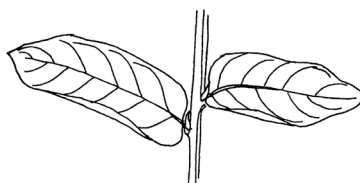


Leaf Identification & Color Code Chart



American Redbud
(*Cercis canadensis*)
No Paint



Crapemyrtle
(*Lagerstroemia indica*)
Red Bag

American redbud is a small tree reaching 20'-30' in height with a 25'-35' spread. Its trunk divides close to the ground, often forming multiple trunks. Its graceful crown is rounded or sometimes flat with irregular, spreading branches. Small, rosy pink (sometimes purplish-tinged) flowers are followed by reddish-purple leaves in summer, turning yellow in fall. Flowers will occur by age seven. The 2"-3" shiny reddish-brown seed pods remain on the tree throughout winter. The early blossoms are food for larvae and nectar-seeking insects, including butterflies and bees. Birds, squirrels, and deer eat the seeds in winter, and deer browse the foliage.

American redbud adapts to a wide range of soil textures and sites, including acidic or alkaline, moist to drier soils, full sun to partial shade, and occasional flooding. It prefers moist, deep loam soils. This native tree grows at a medium rate.

Crapemyrtle is a medium-sized shrub or small tree reaching 15'-20' tall with a 6'-15' spread. It is multi-stemmed with dense branching, but can be pruned to a single trunk.

The glossy leaves are medium to dark green in summer, changing to yellow, orange, and red in fall. The striking flowers hang in 6"-8" panicles and have wrinkled petals like crepe paper, which range in color from white to pink to purple to deep red. They bloom from late spring and summer into fall and are followed by small clusters of red-brown berries. Butterflies and birds are attracted to this shrub.

Crapemyrtle adapts to a wide range of soil textures, dry to moist soil, acidic to slightly alkaline, and full sun to light shade. Once established, it is very drought-resistant. Plant 3'-6' apart for hedge.

New growth can be pinched to increase flower number. The lower branches are often thinned to show off the trunk form and color. Because pruning can directly affect cold hardiness, try to have it completed by early August. This shrub has a fast growth rate.