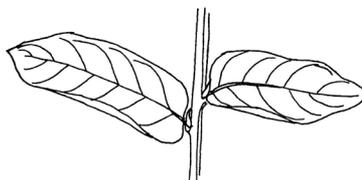


Leaf Identification & Color Code Chart



White Pine
(*Pinus strobus*)
No Paint



Crapemyrtle
(*Lagerstroemia indica*)
Red Bag

White pine is a large tree at maturity reaching 50'-80' with a 20'-40' spread. It has a pyramidal form. Older trees are often topped with a flattened leading branch that points in the direction of the prevailing winds. The needles are 2"-5" long, light bluish-green, soft, and flexible. The 3"-7" cones are formed after 5 to 10 years of age, with full crops occurring every three to five years. Birds and mammals, including squirrels, rabbits, beaver, and deer, eat the seeds, bark, and foliage. Branches provide nesting, roosting, and cover for birds and animals.

White pine will tolerate a wide variety of conditions, including dry, rocky and wet soils, full sun to light shade, and humidity. It prefers full sun and moist, well-drained soil. Plant 8'-12' apart for a windbreak or 30' apart for dense privacy hedge. This native evergreen is fast-growing and may live for more than 200 years.

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.