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Please refer to the information below to identify each tree or shrub species in your bundle and to ensure proper planting sites and conditions for each.

IDENTIFICATION CHART
10 Norway Spruces + 2 Crapemyrtles
(Tree Package 8241)

Species	Paint Color
10 Norway Spruces (<i>Picea abies</i>)	No Paint
2 Crapemyrtles (<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>)	Red Bag

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NORWAY SPRUCE *Picea abies*



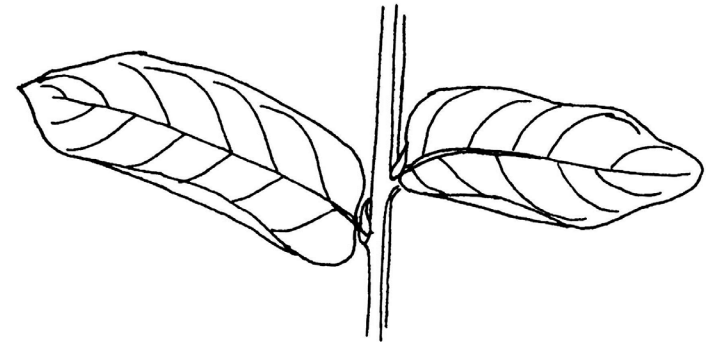
Number of Trees: 10

The **Norway Spruce** is a familiar sight throughout the United States. Growing in a pyramidal form, the young branches grow upward, and as the tree matures, lower branches droop and all branches assume a slight upward sweep. Secondary branches give it a graceful appearance. The stiff, dark green needles are retained on the tree for several years before dropping. Cones 4"-6" long are formed around age 30. The seeds and tender foliage are eaten by birds and mammals, while lower branches offer protective cover for larger animals.

Recommended windbreak spacing is 6'-13' between trees and 16'-25' between rows. For a hedge, shear the new shoots while the year's growth is still soft.

Mature Height	40'–60'
Mature Canopy Spread	25'–30'
Growth Rate	Medium (13"–24" per year) to Fast (25" or greater per year)
Sun Preference	Full Sun
Soil Preference	Acidic, Clay, Drought-tolerant, Loamy, Moist, Sandy, Well-drained

CRAPEMYRTLE *Lagerstroemia indica*



Number of Shrubs: 2

The **Crapemyrtle** is a medium-sized shrub or small tree. 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 resembling crepe paper. They grow in a variety of colors, including white, pink, purple, and deep red. Blooming from late spring and summer into fall, flowers are followed by small clusters of red-brown berries that help attract butterflies and birds.

Plant 3'-6' apart for a 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, you should try to have it completed by early August.

Mature Height	15'–25'
Mature Canopy Spread	6'–15'
Growth Rate	Fast (24" or more per year)
Sun Preference	Full Sun
Soil Preference	Acidic or Alkaline, Drought-tolerant, Moist, or Well-drained