

3034 – 10 Norway Spruce + Crapemyrtle



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Dear Member:

Thank you for your contribution to the Arbor Day Foundation and sharing our mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

Your free trees are my way of saying thanks. A leaf identification key and tree color code chart are on the back of this letter. Complete planting and transplanting instructions are in the enclosed *Tree Planting Guide*. You may contact Member Services if you have any questions about your trees. More complete information about each tree can be found in *The Tree Book* or on the online Tree Guide at **arborday.org**.

We want your tree planting experience to be successful. These trees are guaranteed to grow. If they don't, send your name and address and member number, if available, to the above address, and the entire packet of trees will be replaced free. Please enclose \$3.50 for shipping and handling and tell us which package of trees needs to be replaced. You may reach us by calling the toll-free number for Member Services, 1-888-448-7337, or e-mail us at **info@arborday.org**.

Best regards,

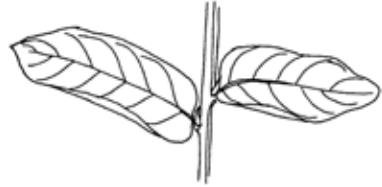
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Allgood". The script is fluid and cursive.

Cynthia A. Allgood  
Director, Procurement and Fulfillment

## Leaf Identification and Color Code Chart



Norway Spruce  
(*Picea Abies*)  
Gold Paint



Crapemyrtle  
(*Lagerstroemia Indica*)  
Red Paint

The **Norway spruce** has a pyramidal form reaching up to 60' in height with a spread of 25-30'. The young branches grow upward, and as the tree matures, the 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. The 4-6" long cones are formed at about age 30. The seeds and tender foliage are eaten by birds and animals, and the lower drooping branches offer protective cover for larger mammals.

Norway spruce can be planted in a wide variety of sites but prefers full or partial sun, acidic, sand, loam, or clay soil that is moist and well-drained. 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. Tiny buds on the branches will respond with growth that becomes quite dense. This spruce has a medium growth rate.

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**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 that range in color from white, pink, 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, full sun to light shade. It prefers acidic, moist, well-drained soil in hot, sunny climates. 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, you should try to have it completed by early August. This shrub has a fast growth rate.