

# RED PINE



Red pine (*Pinus resinosa*) is a fast-growing, long-lived tree that can reach heights of 50–80 feet. Shade intolerant, red pine prefers full sun on a moist or dry site. It grows best on well-drained, sandy loam soil, making it an excellent tree for reforestation of poor, sandy sites. Red pine is straight-stemmed and self-pruning; it sheds dead branches, tending to leave older trees with very long lengths of branchless trunk below the canopy.

## Statistics

- Seedling Size: 18–24 inches
- Seedling Age: 3–0
- Mature Height: 50–80 feet
- Mature Width: 20–40 feet
- Soil Type: Sandy, Well-Drained
- Moisture: Dry, Moderate
- Sun: Full sun
- Growth Rate: Medium

## Characteristics

- Pollen cones form April–May. 2" long seed cones mature in fall of the second year.
- Fissures within the bark are reddish in color, giving it the name, "red pine."
- Needles are in clusters of two, and are brittle when bent.