

Red Pine

Pinus resinosa

-The Red Pine is also known as the Norway Pine. It is another one of those classic “up north” trees. Of all of the native pines of Wisconsin, the Red Pine by far has the longest needles. It is called the Red Pine because of the fact that the bark of older trees tends to turn a reddish color.

-If you are a transplanted Minnesotan, plant a Red Pine, which was made Minnesota’s State Tree in 1953.

-Red Pines can grow to humongous proportions during their lives. They can get to be well over 100 feet tall with a 35-foot crown spread.

-The Red Pine is a very good tree to grow on steep slopes. This tree is very adaptable for mesic and dry sites. Plant it in full sun or partial shade.

-Even if you already have a substantial amount of Red Pines on your shoreland property, I highly suggest planting a couple more in order to create the understory.

-Too many people try to plant Red Pines for a natural screen. Please don’t do this! Red Pines self prune their lower branches and make poor screening trees.



**The only conclusion I have ever reached is that I love all trees,
but I am in love with pines.**

**-Aldo Leopold
-A Sand County Almanac**