

3022 – 10 Live Oaks + 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**.

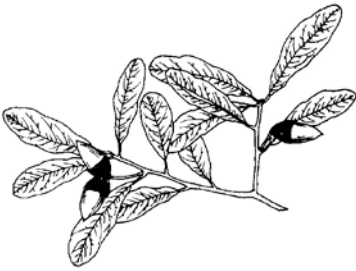
We want your tree planting experience to be successful. These trees are guaranteed to grow. If they don't, send your name and address and member number, if available, to the above address, and the entire packet of trees will be replaced free. Please enclose \$3.50 for shipping and handling and tell us 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,

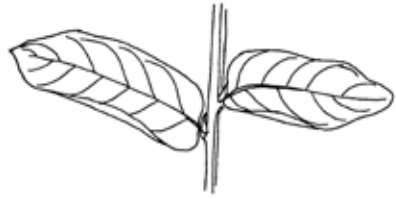
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Cynthia A. Allgood
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Leaf Identification and Color Code Chart



Live Oak
(*Lagerstroemia Indica*)
Purple Paint



Crapemyrtle
(*Quercus Virginiana*)
Red Paint

The **Live Oak** at maturity is a massive tree with strong, heavy wood. It reaches 40-80' in height with arching limbs that spread up to twice the tree's height. This is a broadleaf evergreen with leathery, lustrous, dark green leaves. On young seedlings, the leaves appear holly-like. The leaves are held all winter, but then shed in the spring when new leaves unfurl their buds. Crops of ½-3" long acorns are produced annually. Songbirds, quail, turkey, squirrel, and deer eat the acorns.

Live oak is adaptable to many soil conditions, but the soil must be in the acidic range. It prefers full sun and tolerates extremely, moist or compacted soil, and salt spray. The growth rate is faster when young, then moderate, slowing with age. This native tree has a long lifespan, often reaching 200-300 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 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.