

Loblolly Pine

Pinus taeda



Loblolly Pine Potted

The Loblolly Pine tree is native to North America and can be found in several states spanning the southeastern United States. Loblolly Pines are the second-most common species of tree in the United States, following the Red Maple and making up over 50% of standing pines in the southeast. Since this species of pine is known to be found in lowlands and swampy areas, it's no wonder where it got its name. The name Loblolly comes from a combination of the word "lob" referring to a thick, heavy bubbling of cooking porridge, and "lolly", a broth or soup boiled in a pot.

Loblolly Pines have a rich history. The famous Eisenhower Tree, named after the US President, was a Loblolly Pine, as well as the Morris Pine in Arkansas which is over 300 years old. Loblolly seeds were brought to outer space on the Apollo 14 flight. On the spaceship's return, the seeds were planted in several locations in the US, including the White House. These moon trees are still alive today.

Today, the Loblolly Pine is planted to help stabilize environments with damaged soils. White-tailed deer, bald eagles, gray squirrels, fox squirrels, quail, and wild turkey all find refuge and food within the canopy of these trees. Many songbirds feed on the seeds and help propagate the trees through seed dispersal. They are typically planted in full sun and away from structures in groups of 2 or 4, and in some cases, even planted as screens.



Loblolly Pine Needles



Loblolly Pine Bark

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Loblolly Pine in the Landscape

Common Names:

Yellow Pine, Oldfield Pine, Bull Pine, Rosemary Pine

Native Origin :

North America, East Coast

Environment:

Soil: acidic, loamy, moist, sandy, well-drained, and clay soils. While it prefers normal moisture, the tree can tolerate some flooding and moderate drought.
Exposure: full sun
Salt: moderate

Description:

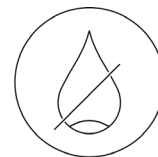
Hardy Range: 6 - 9
Mature Height: 60 - 90'
Mature Spread: 25 - 35'
Growth Rate: fast, with height increases of 24" per year.
Form: oval

Ornamental Characteristics:

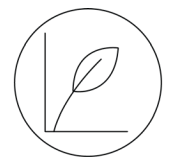
The Loblolly Pine has evergreen, fragrant needles that can grow up to 12 inches in length. They grow in bundles of three and are usually twisted with a bluish-green tinge. Loblolly Pines produce a large amount of cones every year, which attract squirrels and other mammals. It tends to be a messy tree due to its falling branches and pine cones. The Loblolly Pine grows upright and is not known for drooping. Its bark is extremely thick, making it resistant to fire in the wild, like most other pines.



Florida Native



High drought tolerance



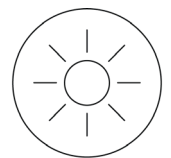
Fast growth



South Eastern Native



Evergreen



Full Sun