

Jack Pine

Pinus banksiana

Ecological Facts



Jack pine prefers low-nutrient, sandy soil. Pines do well in this type of soil because their large roots go very deep into the ground in search of water.

Commercial Uses



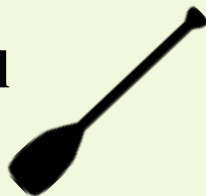
Jack pine is an important commercial timber species in the United States and Canada. The moderately hard and heavy wood is used for pulpwood, lumber, telephone poles, fence posts, and railroad ties.

Medicinal Uses



The Dene dry and pound pine needles to make a powder for treating frost sores. The Cree use the soft inner bark on deep cuts. Pine bark tea is used for people with coughs. Pine oil and pine tar can be used as disinfectants, insecticides, and deodorants.

Traditional Uses



Pine wood is mixed with rotten white spruce wood and burned slowly to tan hides. Pine wood can also be used to make logsleds, toboggans, and floats for fishnets.

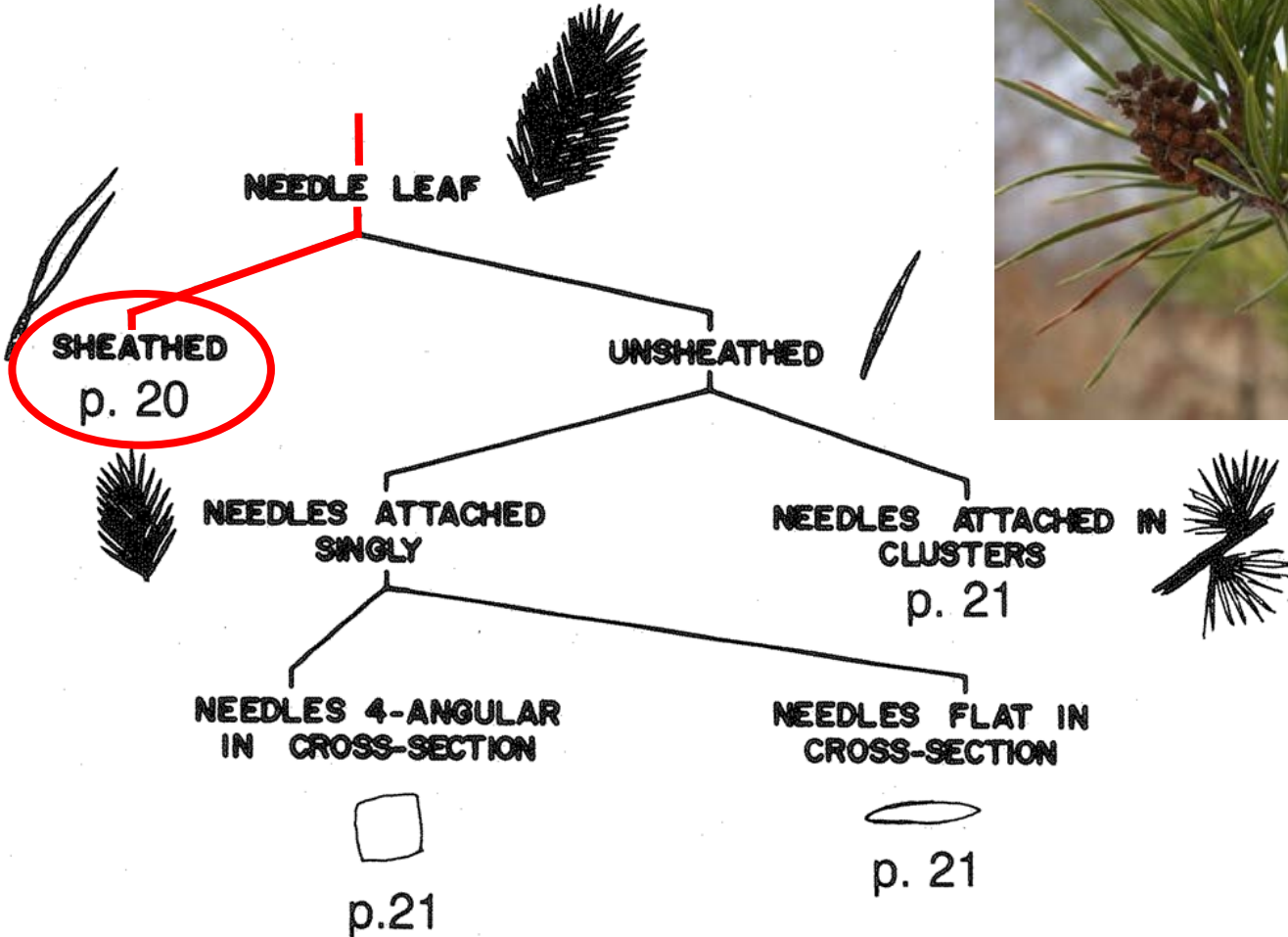
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Distinguishing Features:

- Needles are long and grow in pairs
- Pine cones are hard with a waxy coating
- Cones are curved and point away from the trunk



Identification



Resources

