

Lodgepole Pine

Pinus contorta

Ecological Facts



Pine cones will only open when exposed to extreme heat such as a forest fire. In areas where Jack Pine and Lodgepole Pine overlap, these two species often form hybrids.

Commercial Uses



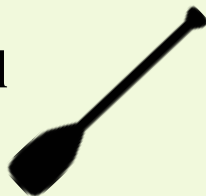
The wood is used for construction lumber, siding, railway ties, poles, pulp, and paper. It is also used to make furniture, boxes, cabinets, flooring, and boats. Sawdust and shavings can be used for briquettes and bedding for animals.

Medicinal Uses



The Cree put gummy pine resin in hollow teeth to relieve aching. The bark of young trees can be simmered and applied to burns to relieve inflammation and reduce infection.

Traditional Uses

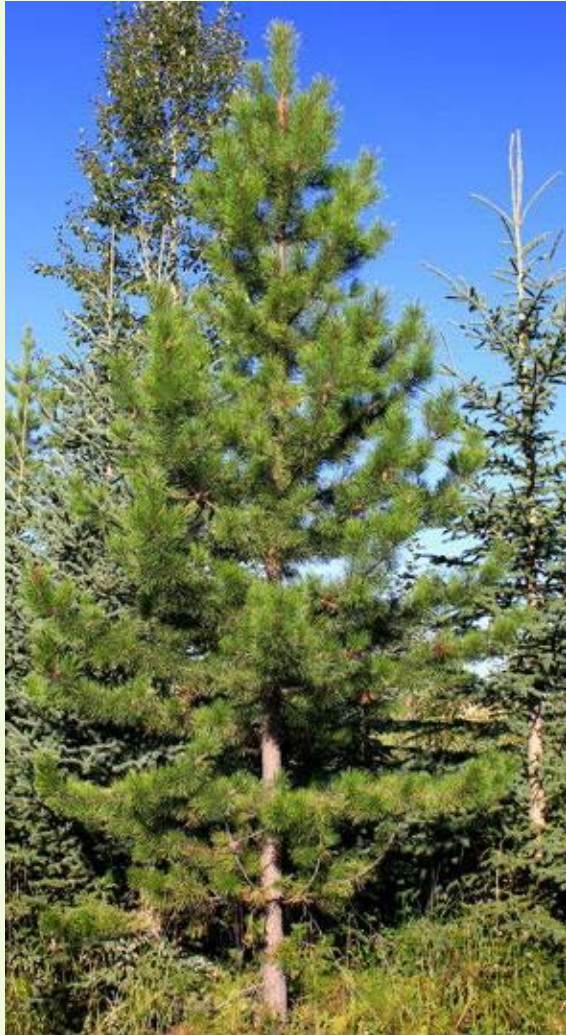


The tree trunk is perfect for making teepee poles because they are usually quite long and straight. The pitch provides a natural glue for baskets and headdresses and is also used to waterproof moccasins.

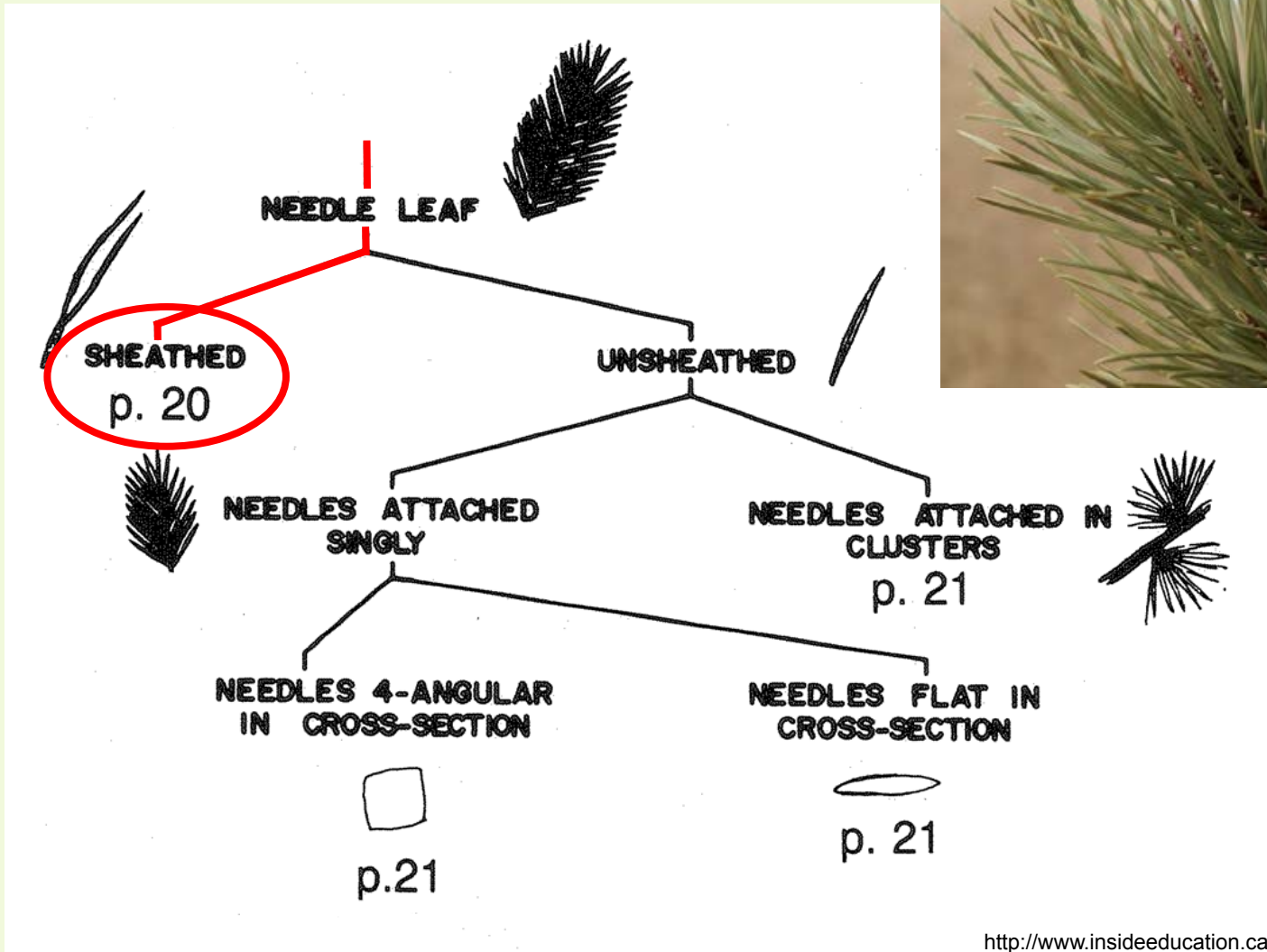
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Distinguishing Features:

- Needles are long and grow in pairs
- Pine cones are hard with a waxy coating
- Cones are fairly straight and point towards the trunk



Identification



Resources

