

Pinaceae—Pine family

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Growth habit, occurrence, and use.—The genus *Pinus*, one of the largest and most important of the coniferous genera, comprises about 95 species and numerous varieties and hybrids. Pines are widely distributed, mostly in the Northern Hemisphere from sea level (*Pinus contorta* var. *contorta*) to timberline (*P. albicaulis*). They range from Alaska to Nicaragua, from Scandinavia to North Africa, and from Siberia to Sumatra. Some species, such as *P. sylvestris*, are widely distributed—from Scotland to Siberia—while other species have restricted natural ranges. *Pinus canariensis*, for example, is found naturally only on the Canary Islands, and *P. torreyana* numbers only a few thousand individuals in two California localities (table 1) (49).

Forty-one species of pines are native to the United States. These species are also the most widely planted in the United States. Planting has extended the range of a number of them, including *P. strobus*, *P. banksiana*, *P. radiata*, *P. ponderosa* var. *scopulorum*, *P. resinosa*, and *P. virginiana* (71, 266). Many of the native eastern pines, especially those from the southern States, do not do well in the western States. The same appears to be true for many western pines when they are planted in the eastern States (120, 201).

Many introduced pines have been planted and grown successfully in the United States. Four of these—*P. sylvestris*, *P. thunbergiana*, *P. densiflora*, and *P. nigra*—have become naturalized in parts of New England and the Lake States (264, 270).

Many other pine species have been successfully planted outside their native range. These include *P. patula* in South Africa; *P. radiata* in South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, and South America; *P. insularis* in East Africa; *P. elliottii* var. *elliottii*, *P. taeda*, *P. pinaster*, and *P. palustris* in South Africa, New Zealand, and Australia; *P. ponderosa* in Australia and New

Zealand; *P. canariensis* in North Africa and South Africa; *P. caribea* in South Africa and Australia; *P. halepensis* in South America; *P. muricata* in New Zealand and Australia; *P. sylvestris*, *P. strobus*, *P. contorta*, and *P. nigra* in Europe; *P. merkusii* in Borneo and Java 128, 152, 169, 266).

The pines are evergreen trees of various heights, often very tall but occasionally shrubby (table 3). Some species, such as *P. lambertiana*, *P. monticola*, *P. ponderosa*, and *P. strobus*, grow to more than 200 feet tall, while others, as *P. cembroides* and *P. pumila*, may not exceed 30 feet at maturity.

Pines provide some of the most valuable timber and are also widely used to protect watersheds, to provide habitats for wildlife, and to construct shelterbelts. The bulk of naval stores still comes from pines, and the seeds of some species are a valuable food source. Increasingly, pines are planted to improve man's environment.

Sixty-five species and varieties which are now being planted or which have a potential in the United States are listed in table 1; included are 40 species and varieties native to the United States, one to Mexico, one to the Caribbean region, 11 to Europe, Africa and the near east, and 12 to Asia.

Geographic races and hybrids.—The importance of planting seeds or seedlings from the proper source cannot be stressed too strongly. Seed origin is extremely important in determining the ability of a species to grow and succeed in a given environment. Many pines with an extensive range, as well as some of limited natural range, have developed geographic races that are morphologically and physiologically distinct (32). These differences make each race best suited for growing in certain environments. As a general rule, seeds from sources in moist regions are smaller and produce faster growing and less deeply rooted seedlings than seeds from sources in drier regions. Southern seed sources commonly differ from northern sources by being faster growing, capable of growing longer in a season, more susceptible to damage by winter

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freezes, less susceptible to late spring and early autumn frosts; and having seed dormancy that can often be overcome with a shorter presowing treatment (122, 218, 260, 266).

For many of the pines, detailed data about geographic races are not available. In some cases our understanding of races of pines native to the United States comes from plantings in other countries. When appropriate, this information is included in the following species summaries:

Pinus attenuata—From morphological and nursery studies, knobcone pine in California can be separated into two major groups, one north and the other south of the Monterey-San Luis Obispo County line. Seed weight tends to increase from north to south, and seeds of north-

ern origins require a longer stratification period (3 weeks or more) than seeds of southern origin (less than 3 weeks). Seedlings from northern sources tend to be more frost resistant than those from southern sources. These differences among sources appear to be clinal and reflect the latitudinal distribution of the species (175).

Pinus balfouriana—Seeds of northern origin (Lake Mountain, California) are longer than those of southern origin (Mineral King, California) and have persistent seed wings compared to the detachable wings of southern sources (154).

Pinus banksiana—Sources differ in seed size, growth, form, and susceptibility to insect and disease damage. Seeds tend to be larger from the warmer parts of the range (71). In Minne-

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<i>P. albicaulis</i> Engelm.	whitebark pine	Subalpine in the northern Rocky Mountains and Coast Mountains of British Columbia through the Cascade Range to the southern Sierra Nevada.	T, W, E	R. J. Steinhoff.
<i>P. aristata</i> Engelm. <i>P. balfouriana</i> var. <i>aristata</i> (Engelm.) Engelm.	bristlecone pine, foxtail pine, hickory pine.	Small, scattered subalpine areas in California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico.	H, E	G. H. Schubert.
<i>P. armandii</i> Franch.	Armand pine	Moderate-high elevations from central and southwestern China to northern Burma and southeastern Tibet; Taiwan and Hainan.	T, E	P. O. Rudolf.
<i>P. attenuata</i> Lemm. <i>P. tuberculata</i> Gord.	knobcone pine	Rocky slopes and ridges from southwestern Oregon and California to northwestern Baja California.	W, E	S. L. Krugman.
<i>P. balfouriana</i> Grev. & Balf.	foxtail pine, Balfour pine.	Subalpine in Klamath Mountains and southern Sierra Nevada, California.	H, W	Do.
<i>P. banksiana</i> Lamb. <i>P. divaricata</i> (Ait.) Sudw.	jack pine, scrub pine, banksiana pine, black pine, gray pine.	Canada, from the Mackenzie River and Alberta to Nova Scotia and south into the Great Lakes region and New England States.	T, H, W, S, E.	D. H. Dawson.
<i>P. brutia</i> Ten. <i>P. halepensis</i> var. <i>brutia</i> (Ten.) Elwes & Henry	Calabrian pine	Crete, Cyprus, and Lebanon north through Turkey.	S, E	S. L. Krugman.
<i>P. canariensis</i> C. Smith	Canary Island pine, Canary pine.	Dry, exposed slopes of the central and western Canary Islands.	T, W, E	P. O. Rudolf.
<i>P. caribaea</i> Morelet <i>P. bahamensis</i> Griseb. <i>P. hondurensis</i> Loock	Caribbean pine	Bahama Islands, western Cuba, Isle of Pines, and Central America from British Honduras to Nicaragua.	T, E	S. L. Krugman.

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<i>P. cembra</i> L. <i>P. montana</i> Lam.	Swiss stone pine, cembran pine, arolla pine.	High elevations in the Alps and Carpathian Mountains of central Europe.	T, W, E.....	P. O. Rudolf.
<i>P. cembroides</i> Zucc.	Mexican pinyon, nut pine, pinyon.	Semiarid mountain regions in Mexico, southeastern Arizona, southwestern New Mexico, and southwestern Texas.	W, E.....	S. L. Krugman.
<i>P. clausa</i> (Chapm.) Vasey	sand pine, spruce pine.	Sandy plains of central and coastal Florida and the southern tip of Alabama.	T, H.....	L. Jones.
<i>P. contorta</i> Dougl. var. <i>contorta</i>	shore pine, lodgepole pine, beach pine, coast pine.	Low elevations on the Pacific Coast from southeastern Alaska to California.	W, E.....	S. L. Krugman.
<i>P. contorta</i> var. <i>latifolia</i> Engelm.	Rocky Mountain lodgepole pine.	Rocky Mountains, from Canada to Utah and Colorado, and the Black Hills.	T, H, W, S.....	J. E. Lotan.
<i>P. contorta</i> var. <i>murrayana</i> (Grev. & Balf.) Engelm.	Sierra Nevada lodgepole pine.	High elevations in the Cascade Range-Sierra Nevada chain from southwestern Washington to Baja California.	T, H, W.....	S. L. Krugman.
<i>P. coulteri</i> D. Don	Coulter pine, nut pine, big-cone pine.	Coastal mountains from central California south to northern Baja California.	H, E.....	Do.
<i>P. densiflora</i> Sieb. & Zucc.	Japanese red pine.	Midelevation in the mountains of Japan and Korea north to eastern Manchuria and adjacent U.S.S.R.	E.....	S. L. Krugman and P. O. Rudolf.
<i>P. echinata</i> Mill.	shortleaf pine, southern yellow pine.	Coastal plain of southeastern United States to eastern Oklahoma and eastern Texas.	T, H, W.....	J. M. McGilvray.
<i>P. edulis</i> Engelm. <i>P. cembroides</i> var. <i>edulis</i> (Engelm.) Voss	pinyon, Colorado pinyon pine, nut pine.	Semiarid regions in Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.	T, H, E.....	G. H. Schubert.
<i>P. elliotii</i> var. <i>densa</i> Little & Dorman.	South Florida slash pine.	Southern and central Florida, and Lower Florida Keys.	T, E.....	R. L. Barnes.
<i>P. elliotii</i> Engelm. var. <i>elliotii</i> <i>P. caribaea</i> Morelet	slash pine, swamp pine, pitch pine, yellow slash pine.	Coastal Plains from South Carolina to central Florida and southeastern Louisiana.	T, H, E.....	Do.
<i>P. engelmannii</i> Carr. <i>P. latifolia</i> Sarg. <i>P. apachea</i> Lemm.	Apache pine, Arizona longleaf pine.	Mountains of southeastern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico south through the Sierra Madre Occidental, Mexico.	T, E.....	G. H. Schubert.
<i>P. flexilis</i> James	limber pine, Rocky Mountain white pine.	Subalpine in the Rocky Mountains and southern Sierra Nevada.	T, W, S, E.....	R. J. Steinhoff.
<i>P. gerardiana</i> Wall. <i>P. aucklandii</i> Lodd. <i>P. chilgoza</i> Ehh.	chilgoza pine, Gerard pine.	Mountains of eastern Afghanistan, northern Pakistan, Kashmir, and northern India.	T, H, E.....	P. O. Rudolf.
<i>P. glabra</i> Walt.	spruce pine, cedar pine.	Coastal Plains from South Carolina to northern Florida and west to southeastern Louisiana.	T, H.....	J. P. Barnett.

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<i>P. halepensis</i> Mill. <i>P. alepensis</i> Poir.	Aleppo pine, Jerusalem pine.	Mediterranean region, from Spain and Morocco to Turkey and Jordan.	T, W, E	P. O. Rudolf.
<i>P. heldreichii</i> Christ <i>P. heldreichii</i> var. <i>leucodermis</i> (Ant.) Markgr. <i>P. leucodermis</i> Ant. <i>P. nigra</i> var. <i>leucodermis</i> (Ant.) Rehd.	Heldreich pine, Balkan pine, Bosnian pine, graybark pine.	High elevations from cen- tral Yugoslavia to northern Greece and in southern Italy.	W, E	Do.
<i>P. insularis</i> Endl. <i>P. khasya</i> Royle	Khasi pine	High elevations from east- ern India to South Vietnam, and mountains of northern Luzon, Philippines.	S, E	S. L. Krugman.
<i>P. jeffreyi</i> Grev. & Balf. <i>P. ponderosa</i> var. <i>jeffreyi</i> (Grev. & Balf.) Engelm.	Jeffrey pine	Mountains of southwestern Oregon, California, western Nevada and northern Baja California.	T, H, W, E	Do.
<i>P. koraiensis</i> Sieb. & Zucc.	Korean pine, cedar pine.	Mountains from southeast- ern Siberia to South Korea; central Honshu, Japan.	T	P. O. Rudolf.
<i>P. lambertiana</i> Dougl.	sugar pine, pino real.	Mountains from western Oregon through Cali- fornia to western Nevada and northern Baja California.	T, W	S. L. Krugman.
<i>P. leiophylla</i> var. <i>chihuahuana</i> (Engelm.) Shaw <i>P. chihuahuana</i> Engelm.	Chihuahua pine, yellow pine, pino real.	Mountains of central Arizona and southwest- ern New Mexico south through the Sierra Madre Occidental in northern Mexico.	T, E	W. J. Rietveld.
<i>P. merkusii</i> Jungh. & de Vriese	Merkus pine, Tenasserim pine.	Mountains of southeastern Burma to North and South Vietnam; western Sumatra; Luzon and Mindoro in the Philip- pines.	T, E	S. L. Krugman.
<i>P. monophylla</i> Torr. & Frém. <i>P. cembroides</i> var. <i>monophylla</i> (Torr. & Frém.) Voss	singleleaf pinyon, nut pine, pinyon.	Semi-arid mountains from southeastern Idaho through the Great Basin ranges to central and southern California and northern Baja California.	H, W, E	A. L. Roe.
<i>P. monticola</i> Dougl.	western white pine, Idaho white pine, silver pine.	Southern British Columbia to western Montana, northern Idaho and northeastern Oregon; south in the Cascade Range, Klamath Moun- tains and Sierra Nevada to central California.	T, W	R. T. Bingham.
<i>P. mugo</i> Turra <i>P. montana</i> Mill.	Swiss mountain pine, Mugho pine, dwarf mountain pine.	Subalpine in the Pyrenees, Alps, Carpathian and Balkan Mountains of central and southern Europe.	W, E	P. O. Rudolf.
<i>P. muricata</i> D. Don <i>P. remorata</i> Mason	bishop pine, prickle-cone pine, Santa Cruz Island pine.	Coastal California and northern Baja California; Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, and Cedros Islands.	H, E	S. L. Krugman.
<i>P. nigra</i> Arnold <i>P. laricio</i> Poir.	Austrian pine, black pine, European black pine.	Southern Europe, northern Morocco, Sicily, and Cyprus.	T, W, S, E	P. O. Rudolf.

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<i>P. palustris</i> Mill. <i>P. australis</i> Michx. f.	longleaf pine, southern pine, longstraw pine	Coastal Plains from south- eastern Virginia to cen- tral Florida and west to eastern Texas.	T, H, E	J. M. McGilvray.
<i>P. parviflora</i> Sieb. & Zucc. <i>P. pentaphylla</i> Mayr <i>P. himekomatsu</i> Miyabe and Kudo	Japanese white pine.	Mountains throughout Japan from southern Kyushu north to south- ern Hokkaido; Korean Island of Utsuryo.	E	P. O. Rudolf.
<i>P. patula</i> Schiede and Deppe	Mexican weeping pine.	Eastern Mexico from Tamaulipas south to Oaxaca.	T, W	S. L. Krugman.
<i>P. peuce</i> Griseb. <i>P. excelsa</i> var. <i>peuce</i> (Griseb.) Beissn.	Balkan pine, Macedonian pine, Greek stone pine.	High mountains of western Bulgaria, southern Yugo- slavia, eastern Albania, and northern Greece.	T, E	P. O. Rudolf.
<i>P. pinaster</i> Ait. <i>P. maritima</i> Poir.	maritime pine, cluster pine, pinaster pine.	Coastal areas in Morocco, Portugal, Spain, southern France, western Italy, Corsica, Sardinia, and northeastern Algeria.	T, W, S	Do.
<i>P. pinea</i> L.	Italian stone pine, umbrella pine, stone pine.	Portugal, Spain, and north shores of the Mediter- ranean Sea to Lebanon; northeastern Turkey; Ibiza, Sardinia, Sicily, Crete, and Cyprus.	T, H, S, E	Do.
<i>P. ponderosa</i> var. <i>arizonica</i> (Engelm.) Shaw <i>P. arizonica</i> Engelm.	Arizona pine, Arizona pon- derosa pine, Arizona yellow pine.	Extreme southwestern New Mexico and south- eastern Arizona through the Sierra Madre Occi- dental to Durango.	T, H, W	W. J. Rietveld.
<i>P. ponderosa</i> Laws. var. <i>ponderosa</i>	ponderosa pine, bull pine, rock pine, western yellow pine, blackjack pine.	Southern British Columbia south to central Idaho, and through the Cascade Range, Coast Ranges, and Sierra Nevada to southern California.	T, S, E	R. J. Boyd.
<i>P. ponderosa</i> var. <i>scopulorum</i> Engelm.	Rocky Mountain ponderosa pine, western yellow pine, blackjack pine.	Rocky Mountains from Montana south to New Mexico, Trans-Pecos Texas and northern Mexico; west to eastern Nevada and east to central Nebraska.	T, H, W, S, E	J. L. VanDeusen.
<i>P. pumila</i> Regel <i>P. cembra</i> var. <i>pumila</i> Pall.	Japanese stone pine, dwarf Siberian pine.	Eastern Siberia south to northern Mongolia, Man- churia, Korea, and through the Kuril Islands to central Honshu, Japan.	E	S. L. Krugman.
<i>P. pungens</i> Lamb.	Table Mountain pine, hickory pine, mountain pine.	Appalachian Mountain region from Pennsylvania to northeastern Georgia.	T, H, W, E	S. Little.
<i>P. quadrifolia</i> Parl. <i>P. cembroides</i> var. <i>parryana</i> Voss	Parry pinyon, nut pine, pinyon.	Semiarid mountains of extreme southern Cali- fornia and northern Baja California.	W, E, H	S. L. Krugman.
<i>P. radiata</i> D. Don <i>P. insignis</i> Dougl.	Monterey pine, radiata pine, insignis pine.	Coastal central California and northern Guadalupe Island, Mexico.	T, S, E	Do.
<i>P. resinosa</i> Ait.	red pine, Norway pine, hard pine, pitch pine.	Great Lakes region from southeastern Manitoba and Minnesota east to Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Jersey.	T, H, W, E, S	D. H. Dawson.

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Scientific names and synonyms	Common names	Occurrence	Uses ¹	Data compilers for the species
<i>P. rigida</i> Mill.	pitch pine, hard pine, bull pine.	Northeastern United States and the Appalachian Mountain region, from Lake Ontario and Maine to western Kentucky and northern Georgia.	T, H, W, E	S. Little.
<i>P. roxburghii</i> Sarg. <i>P. longifolia</i> Roxb.	Chir pine, longleaf Indian pine.	Monsoon belt of the outer Himalayas, from north-eastern West Pakistan to Bhutan.	T, S, E	P. O. Rudolf.
<i>P. sabiniana</i> Dougl.	Digger pine, gray pine.	Low-elevation dry sites in the Coast Ranges and Sierra Nevada, California.	T, H	S. L. Krugman.
<i>P. serotina</i> Michx. <i>P. rigida</i> var. <i>serotina</i> (Michx.) Loud.	pond pine, marsh pine.	Coastal Plains from southern New Jersey to central Florida and west to central Alabama.	T	B. Benson.
<i>P. sibirica</i> Du Tour <i>P. cembra</i> var. <i>sibirica</i> Loud.	Siberian stone pine.	Ural Mountains east through western and central Siberia to northern Mongolia.	T, E	P. O. Rudolf.
<i>P. strobiformis</i> Engelm. <i>P. flexilis</i> var. <i>reflexa</i> Engelm. <i>P. reflexa</i> (Engelm.) Engelm.	southwestern white pine, border limber pine, Mexican white pine.	Mountains of southwestern Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico south in the Sierra Madre Occidental and Oriental to central Mexico.	T, H, W	W. J. Rietveld.
<i>P. strobus</i> L.	eastern white pine, northern white pine, white pine, soft pine, Weymouth pine.	Newfoundland and Nova Scotia west to south-eastern Manitoba, south through the Great Lakes and Appalachian Mountain regions to Iowa, western Kentucky, and northern Georgia.	T, H, W, S, E.	R. E. Graber.
<i>P. sylvestris</i> L.	Scotch pine, Scots pine.	Eurasia, from Scotland and Spain to Finland and Turkey, across U.S.S.R. to the Sea of Okhotsk and Manchuria.	T, S, E	R. S. Walters.
<i>P. taeda</i> L.	loblolly pine, oldfield pine.	Coastal Plains and Piedmont from Delaware to central Florida to eastern Texas, southern Arkansas, and southern Tennessee.	T, H, W	B. F. McLemore.
<i>P. thunbergiana</i> Franco. <i>P. thunbergii</i> Parl.	Japanese black pine.	Maritime in South Korea and in Japan from northern Honshu south to northern Ryukyu Islands.	T, W, S, E	P. O. Rudolf.
<i>P. torreyana</i> Parry	Torrey pine, Soledad pine, Del Mar pine.	Santa Rosa Island and low coastal bluffs in San Diego Co., California.	E	S. L. Krugman.
<i>P. virginiana</i> Mill.	Virginia pine, scrub pine, Jersey pine.	Appalachian Mountain and Piedmont regions, from Long Island south and west to central Alabama, western Tennessee, and southern Indiana.	T, W	S. Little.
<i>P. wallichiana</i> A. B. Jacks. <i>P. excelsa</i> Wall. <i>P. griffithii</i> McClelland <i>P. nepalensis</i> de Chambr.	blue pine, Bhutan pine, Himalayan pine.	Mid- and high-elevations in the Himalayas, west to eastern Afghanistan and east to southern China and northern Burma.	T, E	P. O. Rudolf.

¹ T: timber production, H: habitat or food for wildlife, W: watershed, S: shelterbelt, E: environmental forestry.

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sota there is a change in cone serotiny from closed cones in the north to predominantly open cones in the south (197). Winter coloration of needles is less in seedlings from lower latitudes than in those from higher latitudes (222). In Canada, height growth was greater for sources from areas with longer growing seasons; selections moved north made better height growth than selections moved south (104).

Pinus brutia—Several varieties have been described in the Black Sea region. The var. *pithyusa* is found along the northern and northeastern shores of the Black Sea, and var. *eldarica* is found in the central Transcaucasus (152). In northern California, an Afghanistan source related to var. *eldarica* is out-growing var. *pithyusa* and appears to be both frost and drought hardy and of good form (90, 122).

Pinus canariensis—This pine is found naturally only in the Canary Islands where it ranges from 2,100 to 7,200 feet above sea level (152). Seedlings of several sources from the various islands and elevations, when exposed to low winter temperatures in the Institute of Forest Genetics' nursery at Placerville, California, showed marked differences in cold hardiness. Seedlings from 4,000 feet showed more cold damage than seedlings from 6,200 feet on Tenerife Island. Seedlings from 6,200 feet on Palma Island were badly damaged, suggesting that sources from different islands may also differ in susceptibility to low temperature (122).

Pinus caribaea—Three geographic variants are recognized. The var. *caribaea* native to Cuba and the Isle of Pines has persistent seed wings, while the other two varieties do not. In tests in South Africa, var. *caribaea* showed better growth than var. *hondurensis* from the mainland of Central America. The var. *hondurensis* has the largest seeds; var. *bahamensis* from the Bahama Islands has the smallest (150).

Pinus cembra—A number of cultivars of this species have been reported (51, 180).

Pinus cembroides—Two varieties have been described. The var. *remota* found on the Edwards Plateau in southwestern Texas has very thin seedcoats. The var. *bicolor* is found in southwestern New Mexico and southeastern Arizona (137).

Pinus clausa—In central Florida, this small pine has closed cones. But in western Florida it has an open-cone variety, var. *immuginata*—Choctawhatchee sand pine, whose cones ripen in September and shed seeds during October (29, 138).

Pinus contorta—Four varieties are recognized though only three are listed in the tables. The fourth, var. *bolanderi*, has a restricted range on the northern California coast—the

Mendocino White Plains—and has serotinous cones like those of the Rocky Mountain variety, var. *latifolia*. The other varieties have cones which open at or soon after maturity; the open cones of var. *contorta* persist indefinitely while those of var. *murrayana* do not (44). In tests in northern Europe, seedlings of var. *contorta* grew faster, and were more branchy and less winter hardy than those of var. *latifolia* from interior British Columbia and the Rocky Mountains (64). The var. *murrayana* has the largest seeds. At temperatures of 50° to 68° F. the var. *latifolia* germinates twice as fast as coastal sources (44).

Differences between sources also are found within a given variety. Seeds from high elevations in central British Columbia germinated faster at 68° F. than at other temperatures, and seed from low elevations germinated faster at temperatures above 68° F. (84). Commonly, the southern sources grow faster than the northern sources of a given variety.

Pinus coulteri—This pine is endemic to California and Baja California. No races have been described, even though it grows in isolated stands from 500 to 7,000 feet and on fertile to very poor soil types. Mount Diablo sources are considered to have the poorest form, with greater branching than any other source (273).

Pinus densiflora—A number of cultivars have been described (180). This pine is widely planted and hardy in the Lake States, New England, and southern Ontario (264).

Pinus echinata—Ten-year results in a range-wide test suggest that in the southern United States the southernmost sources from east of the Mississippi River are superior to northern sources in both survival and growth (260). Seeds from northern sources should be used in the northern extremities of the range (144, 260, 262). In an Oklahoma test, an Arkansas seed source showed the best performance, even surpassing a local source (183).

Pinus edulis—A single leaf variety, var. *fallax*, is found in the mountains at 6,000 feet in central and eastern Arizona, and in the Grand Canyon and parts of New Mexico. Its seeds tend to be larger and have a thicker seedcoat than the more common variety, var. *edulis*. In contrast to var. *edulis*, var. *fallax* seldom produces seeds in quantity (137).

Pinus elliottii—Two varieties are recognized. The var. *densa* is found only in south Florida. Compared to typical slash pine, var. *elliottii*, the var. *densa* germinates faster, has a grasslike seedling stage with crowded needles, and has heavy wood with very wide summer rings (139, 140, 216). Sources of var. *elliottii* in northeastern Florida appear to be the poorest, as they

are susceptible to ice damage and are less drought resistant than northern and western sources (216, 260).

Pinus flexilis—Seedlings from southern stands are faster growing than seedlings from northern stands (219).

Pinus halepensis—In Israel at least two elevational ecotypes are recognized, and others can be expected in other parts of the range (118, 152).

Pinus heldreichii—*Pinus heldreichii* var. *leucodermis*, considered by some to be a timberline tree, commonly is found on drier sites and often on soils formed on limestones (51). The var. *heldreichii* forms open forests in the mountains at elevations between 3,000 and 5,000 feet (180).

Pinus insularis—In tests in northern Rhodesia, trees from seed of Philippine origin were more vigorous and had better form than those from India, Burma, or Vietnam origins (152, 200).

Pinus jeffreyi—Evidence for distinct geographic races is lacking, but differences in seed origin are still important. Generally, trees from seed collected east of the Sierra Nevada are slower growing, more drought resistant, and less susceptible to cold damage (85). Also trees from high-elevation sources tend to be slower growing than those from lower elevations (33).

Pinus koraiensis—The Siberia, China, and Korea sources most likely should be considered a geographic race distinct from that in Japan.

Pinus leiophylla var. *chihuahuana*—Two distinct forms have been found. One has poor form with a short, crooked bole and many branches; the other has good form and grows to heights of 80 feet (152).

Pinus merkusii—At least two distinct races are recognized, one on the Asian mainland and the other on the island of Sumatra. Seeds of mainland origin are larger than those from Sumatra. Trees from mainland origins pass through a grasslike stage and tend to be unnodal with a straight, cylindrical bole, but they do not grow as tall as those from Sumatra. The Sumatra trees may reach 200 feet in height and tend to be sinuous in growth (40). Some consider the two races as separate species: *P. merkusii* on Sumatra, and *P. merkusiana* on the Asian mainland (41).

Pinus monophylla—No varieties are recognized, but there are variants which have partly or mostly two needles in a fascicle, rather than just one (137).

Pinus monticola—Local variations associated with elevation and site are recognized. Progenies from high-elevation origins grow faster at high elevation than those from low-elevation

origins (217). Seeds from northern Idaho are smaller than those from Washington and California (235).

Pinus mugo—A number of horticultural varieties have been described. They vary from a sprawling shrub, var. *pumilio*, to a small tree, var. *rostrata* (180). Varieties also differ in seed size and germination capacity (187). Seedlings of low-elevation origins are not hardy at high elevations (256).

Pinus muricata—Trees from origins north and south of Fort Ross, California, differ in growth form, foliage color, and cone shape. In California, trees from northern sources tend to grow larger with fuller and more compact crowns (61). In tests in Australia, the northern sources maintained better growth rate and form than the southern sources (69).

Pinus nigra—Several distinct varieties and numerous cultivars are recognized. The var. *caramanica* from the Crimea, Turkey, and Cyprus tends to have the largest seeds (17,500 to 20,800 per pound); the var. *corsicana* from Corsica has the smallest seeds (28,000 to 36,000 per pound) (152, 187). Wood in the Corsican variety is considerably better than that in typical Austrian pine, var. *austriaca*, from the Balkan peninsula and eastern Alps. Stands of var. *calabrica* planted in Belgium are considered one of the more cold hardy varieties. Other varieties are var. *cebennensis* from the Pyrenees in southern France, var. *hispanica* from Spain, and var. *mauritanica* from Morocco and Algeria.

Some general statements can be made for various geographic sources (152):

Western Groups: Sources in France and Spain are often proven to be drought resistant and are indifferent to soil type.

Central Groups: Sources in Corsica and Italy grow well and have good form. But they need a high humidity and grow poorly on limestone soils.

Eastern Groups: Sources in the Balkan and Crimea areas appear to do well on the poorer limestone soils.

Pinus palustris—Seedlings of different geographic origin differ in height, growth, cold resistance, and survival (71, 260). Southeastern and central Louisiana sources did poorly; southern Florida sources failed outside of their area of origin. Central Gulf Coast sources grow well throughout the Gulf Coast (260).

Pinus parviflora—Several horticultural forms are cultivated (123). *Pinus parviflora* is thought to consist of two geographical varieties which intergrade in central Honshu, Japan (49).

Pinus patula—Because of its rapid growth, this species has become one of the most important sources of wood in the summer rainfall

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areas of South Africa (148). It also grows well in East Africa, New Zealand, and Australia (128, 152). A variety, var. *longepedunculata*, from the States of Oaxaca and Chiapas, Mexico, has been reported. The cones of this variety open quickly at maturity, thus differing from var. *patula* which has closed cones. The seeds of var. *longepedunculata* are black with brown marks, while those of var. *patula* are pure black (148).

Pinus peuce—In Europe seeds from the Rila and Pirin Mountains in Bulgaria are considered to produce the best trees (171).

Pinus pinaster—This species is highly variable, and at least four main races are recognized (152). The French or Atlantic race, which is itself quite variable, is commonly found on the coastal sands. The Portuguese race is also found on coastal sands but is superior to the French race in growth, form, and drought resistance; it has done well in tests in South Africa and western Australia, and appears to have some seed dormancy (105, 266). The Corsican race is most commonly found in the mountains. The Moroccan race shows differences between mountain and near coastal origins, in that sources of mountain origin fail when planted on the coast. The mountain sources are thought to be frost resistant (152).

Pinus ponderosa—The three main varieties are var. *ponderosa*, var. *arizonica*, and var. *scopulorum*. These varieties differ in seed and cone size, needle length and number per fascicle, speed of germination, rate of growth, form, resistance to drought and low temperatures, and survival (31, 71, 218, 257, 259). Within the varieties there are also source differences in some of these characteristics. Speed of germination at different temperatures was found to vary for seeds from the Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountains, and the Southwest. Southwest sources reached maximum germination at the lowest temperature (31). In tests in Oregon and Washington, growth rate generally increased with seed origins from east to west, and from south to north in the eastern part of the range; slowest growth was shown by sources from eastern and southeastern parts of the range (218). In tests in California, growth rate generally increased as seed source elevation decreased (33). In tests in northern Arizona, eastern and southeastern sources did well, but northern and western sources failed—as did the southernmost source (125). Northern sources of var. *scopulorum* are characterized by a relatively good growth rate and frost resistance (257). Southern sources of this variety are slower growing but frost resistant. In California, sources of var. *ponderosa* west of the

Sierra Nevada are faster growing but less frost resistant than sources east of the crest (122).

Closely related to *P. ponderosa* in appearance is *P. washoensis*. This rare pine, which is often wrongly identified as *P. ponderosa* var. *ponderosa*, is known to be in only three areas: east slope of Mount Rose, Nevada; southern Warner Mountains, northeast California; and Bald Mountain Range in the eastern Sierra Nevada. Both its male and developing, second-year female cones are purple to purplish black, unlike *ponderosa* pine. Washoe pine flowers in July; its cones mature in August and September and open in September. Cones and seeds are handled in the same manner as var. *ponderosa*, and its seeds germinate promptly after a 60-day cold stratification (47, 122).

Pinus pungens—Seed weight, cone length and width appear to decrease as elevation increases and as latitude decreases. Cone serotiny is most common in the southern part of the range. No distinct varieties are recognized (274).

Pinus radiata—Monterey pine occurs naturally in four relatively small and well separated populations. The var. *binata* occurs on San Guadalupe Island and is slower growing than the three mainland populations (Monterey, Cambria, and Año Nuevo Point). The Cambria population has the largest cones and seeds, and the Monterey population has the smallest (70). In tests in Australia, trees of Cambria origin did not do as well as those from the Año Nuevo Point and Monterey populations (69).

Pinus resinosa—This species is considered one of the least variable of the pines, and no subspecies or varieties are recognized (74, 266). However, some height growth, form, and wood quality differences may exist among populations in the Lake States, New England States, and West Virginia. In northern sources, seeds are often smaller, lammas frequency is generally less, and frost resistance is higher than in southern sources (74).

Pinus rigida—No distinct geographic sources are known, but there are variations in form and development between populations. Throughout most of the range, trees consistently open cones and shed seeds soon after maturity; in southern New Jersey the vast majority bear cones that remain closed at maturity and only open at irregular intervals (6, 71). The latter trees are characteristic of areas with a history of wild fires (71).

Pinus sabiniana—Seeds from populations in mild climate areas germinated more quickly after stratification than those from the colder areas. Seedlings of southern origin grew longer than those of northern origin. Larger cones were more frequent in the northwest part of the range than in the Sierra Nevada (82).

Pinus serotina—Cone serotiny is greater in southern and coastal populations than in northern and Piedmont populations (214).

Pinus sibirica—Distinct differences in growth rate, branching habit and fat content of seeds exist between certain populations. No varieties are recognized, but several forms have been described. *Pinus sibirica* f. *humistrata* is a dwarf form that grows on mountain summits and ridges. *Pinus sibirica* f. *coronans* has a wide and dense crown, is reasonably drought resistant, and is found from sea level to 6,600 feet. *Pinus sibirica* f. *turfosa* grows on peat (185).

Pinus sylvestris—Scotch pine, the most widely planted introduced species in the United States, is probably the most intensively studied of all pines. The first comparative pine seed source trials involved this species. It is the pine with the greatest natural range, and it grows in many different ecological situations (266, 268). Numerous varieties, forms, and ecotypes have been described. A conservative estimate of the number of geographic varieties ranges from 21 to 52 (268). There is also considerable variation within named varieties. Sources differ in many characteristics including seed size, germination, dormancy, seed and cone color, tree form, growth rate, structure of root system, flowering characteristics, needle color, and susceptibility to heat, cold, or drought (28, 186, 220, 266, 268). Seed size decreases from the south (44,200 per pound in Spain) to the north (127,000 per pound in Lapland) (101). Growth rate tends to decrease from southern to northern sources. In tests in Sweden, southern sources grew faster and later in the autumn than did northern sources (117). Similar results were found in Michigan tests, where certain French sources grew three times as tall as northern Finnish and northern Siberian sources (266, 268). The more southern sources, however, were more susceptible to low temperatures than northern sources. Under Canadian prairie conditions, Russian and Finnish sources survived better than more southerly sources (42). In Michigan, needles of Spanish, southern France, Balkans, and Asia Minor origins remained green during the winter, while those of Siberian and Scandinavian origins turned yellow (266, 268). In tests conducted in Sweden, seed origin influenced germination rate at a given temperature. Sources from northern latitudes or high elevations germinated well over a wider range of temperatures than those of southern latitudes or low elevations (117). Sources in the extreme northern parts of the range and certain sources from Turkey and Greece show the greatest seed dormancy (101). Lack of a fully developed embryo accounts for part of the dormancy of northern sources (116). In some European

localities, introduced sources have produced better trees than local sources.

Pinus strobus—Seeds from the western part of the range are lighter than seeds from the eastern part, and seeds of southern origin require a longer stratification period than those of northern origin (72, 162, 264). Field tests have demonstrated that southern sources, such as those from the southern Appalachians, tend to grow faster and to continue shoot elongation longer in the fall than do northern sources (73, 265). In artificial freezing studies and field observations in the northern Lake States, southern sources are more sensitive to low temperatures (162, 196). In fall, seedlings of eastern origin had blue-green foliage compared to the yellow-green foliage of northwestern sources (267).

Pinus taeda—Numerous field studies have demonstrated definite geographic variations in growth rate, drought and cold hardiness, disease resistance, and survival. Seedlings of Maryland origin tend to grow less than those of other origin when planted in different locations (260, 261). Southern sources outgrow northern sources in South Africa (210). In many of the tests, local seed sources were best. Sources west of the Mississippi River are more drought and disease resistant than most of the eastern sources. And southern sources tend to be more susceptible to low temperature damage than northern sources (260).

Pinus thunbergiana—The better formed trees are from inland sources (145).

Pinus torreyana—In a common planting on the California mainland, trees of mainland origin grew taller and had a single trunk, while trees from a Santa Rosa Island source were slower growing, bushy, and freely branched. The island source produced larger cones (86).

Numerous pine hybrids have been described. As a conservative estimate, at least 200 first-generation and second-generation hybrids as well as backcrosses, crosses between varieties of the same species, and crosses involving three or more different species either occur naturally or have been produced artificially (122, 141, 169, 266). No attempt is made here to provide yield statistics for the numerous hybrids, since such data are highly variable. The number of sound seeds produced depends on the species and individual trees involved, as well as on the environmental conditions under which the cross is made.

Some natural hybrids are relatively common; e.g., *P. palustris* × *taeda*, known as Sonderegger pine, which occurs in Louisiana and elsewhere in the South (36), and *P. contorta* × *banksiana* in central Alberta and southwestern Mackenzie (272). Most other hybrids occasion-

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ally occur where the two parent species are naturally associated. Examples of this in California are *P. ponderosa* × *jeffreyi*, *P. jeffreyi* × *coulteri*, *P. radiata* × *attenuata* (48, 169). In the South are *P. taeda* × *echinata* in east Texas, and *P. taeda* × *serotina* throughout their common range (45, 214, 266). The hybrid between *P. densiflora* and *P. thunbergiana* occurs naturally in Japan but has also been produced spontaneously in plantations of these species in Michigan (264). In Europe, *P. sylvestris* occasionally crosses naturally with both *P. nigra* and *P. mugo* where these species are planted near one another (266). These are but a few of the many hybrids which have been reported to occur naturally.

Several pine hybrids have been produced in relatively large numbers by controlled pollination methods. These include *P. rigida* × *taeda*, which is an important hybrid in the reforestation program in Korea, and *P. attenuata* × *radiata*, which is being planted in California and Oregon (83, 106). Many other hybrids are being produced in smaller numbers and tested for their suitability in various parts of the United States.

Flowering and fruiting.—In certain species, reproductive structures are first formed when the trees are only 5 to 10 years old—e.g., *P. attenuata*, *P. banksiana*, *P. clausa*, and *P. con-*

torta; in others they do not form until the trees are much older—e.g., *P. lambertiana* and *P. resinosa* (table 3). Pines are monoecious with male (microsporangiate) and female (megasporengiate) strobili borne separately on the same tree. Male strobili predominate on the basal part of new shoots, mostly on older lateral branches in the lower crown. Female strobili are found most often in the upper crown, primarily at the apical end of the main branches in the position of subterminal or lateral buds. But frequent exceptions will be found to this general scheme. For example, *P. banksiana*, *P. clausa*, *P. radiata*, or *P. attenuata* are multinodal in the bud, and female strobili are found occasionally at a secondary whorl position (71, 122). *Pinus attenuata*, *P. radiata*, and *P. virginiana* frequently produce female strobili in all parts of the crown (71, 122). In temperate climates, the earliest stages of male and female strobili can be detected in the developing buds during the summer or fall; the male develops 1 to several weeks before the female strobilus (76, 122, 169).

Male and female strobili of the southern and tropical pines emerge from buds in late winter; e.g. *P. elliotii* var. *densa*, *P. elliotii* var. *elliotii*, *P. glabra*, and *P. palustris*. Strobili of other pines emerge from the bud in early spring, or late spring and early summer (table 2). The male strobili are arranged in indistinct spirals

TABLE 2.—*Pinus*: phenology of flowering and fruiting

Species	Location	Flowering dates	Cone ripening dates	Seed dispersal dates	Data source
<i>P. albicaulis</i>	California	July	August–September	not shed ¹	122, 240
<i>P. aristata</i>	Arizona	July–August	September–October	September–October	181, 206
<i>P. armandii</i>	California	April–May	August	August–September	122
<i>P. attenuata</i>	do	April	January–February	closed cone ²	122
<i>P. balfouriana</i>	do	July–August	September–October	September–October	122, 235
<i>P. banksiana</i>	Lake States	May–June	September	September ³	71
<i>P. brutia</i>	California	March–May	January–March	closed cone ²	122
<i>P. canariensis</i>	do	April–May	September	September–October	122
<i>P. caribaea</i>	Cuba	January–February.	July–August	September	150
<i>P. cembra</i>	Germany	May	August–October	not shed ¹	194
<i>P. cembroides</i>	California	May–June	November–December	November–December	122
<i>P. clausa</i>	Florida	September–December.	September	September ³	29, 235
<i>P. contorta</i>					
var. <i>contorta</i>	California	May–June	September–October	Fall ³	122, 235
var. <i>latifolia</i>	Rocky Mountains.	June–July	August–September	September–October ³	237
var. <i>murrayana</i>	California	May–June	September–October	do	122
<i>P. coulteri</i>	do	do	August–September	October ⁵	122, 235
<i>P. densiflora</i>	do	April	do	September–October	122
<i>P. echinata</i>	South Carolina	March–April	October–November	October–November	71, 235
<i>P. edulis</i>	Arizona	June	September	September–October	132, 133, 134
<i>P. elliotii</i>					
var. <i>densa</i>	Southern Florida.	January–April	August–September	September–November	30
var. <i>elliotii</i>	Florida	January–February.	September–October	October	59
<i>P. engelmannii</i>	Arizona	May	November–December	November–February	62, 235
<i>P. flexilis</i>	California, Montana.	June–July	August–September	September–October	122

TABLE 3.—*Pinus*: height, seed-bearing age, seed crop frequency, and fruit ripeness criteria

Species	Height at maturity	Year of first cultivation	Seed-bearing age		Interval between large seed crops		Fruit ripeness criteria		
			Minimum	Data source	Time	Data source	Preripe color	Ripe color	Data source
	<i>Feet</i>		<i>Years</i>		<i>Years</i>				
<i>P. albicaulis</i>	20-107	1852	20-30	53, 122, 190, 240	3-5	122, 240	dark purple	dull purple to brown	122, 190
<i>P. aristata</i>	20-50	1861	20	75, 190, 235	102	181	green to brownish purple.	deep chocolate brown	122, 225
<i>P. armandii</i>	60-120	1895	20	51, 184, 190	1	122	green	yellowish brown	51, 180
<i>P. attenuata</i>	15-50	1847	5-8	122, 190	5-6	122	greenish brown	lustrous tawny yellow to light brown.	122, 180
<i>P. balfouriana</i>	35-60	1852	20	190, 225	3-4	71	deep purple	dark brown, red brown or russet brown.	225
<i>P. banksiana</i>	55-100	before 1783	3-15	71, 190, 235	3-4	71	green	lustrous tawny yellow to brown.	71, 180
<i>P. brutia</i>	65-100	...	7-10	77	1	77	do	yellow to reddish brown	51, 122
<i>P. canariensis</i>	100	...	15-20	184	3-4	152	...	nut brown	51
<i>P. caribaea</i>	60-100	...	25-30	150	6-10	194, 256	greenish violet	yellow tan to light brown	150
<i>P. cembra</i>	33-75	1746	25-30	180, 194	5-8	122	green	purplish brown	51
<i>P. cembroides</i>	15-25	1830	5-8	51, 190	5-8	122	green	yellowish to reddish brown, or lustrous brown.	51, 180, 190
<i>P. clausa</i>	15-80	1832	5	71, 198, 235	1-2	71	...	dark yellow brown	199
<i>P. contorta</i>	20-40	1855	4-8	122, 190, 225	1	122	purple green	lustrous light yellowish brown to yellow brown.	180, 199
var. <i>contorta</i>									
var. <i>latifolia</i>	25-150	1853	5-10	19, 149, 180	1	149	do	light brown	149
var. <i>murrayana</i>	50-100	1832	4-8	122, 225	1	122	do	clay brown	225
<i>P. coulteri</i>	30-75	1832	8-20	190, 235	3-6	225, 235	green	shining brown to yellowish brown.	122, 180, 225
<i>P. densiflora</i>	70-120	1854	20-30	51, 190	2	196	...	dull tawny yellow to brown.	180, 196
<i>P. echinata</i>	8-100	1726	5-20	71, 190, 198	3-10	71	green	green to light or dull brown.	180, 199
<i>P. edulis</i>	10-40	1848	25-75	71, 135, 190	2-5	135	do	light yellow brown	122, 134
<i>P. eliotii</i>	25-85	...	8-12	24, 139	1-5	24	do	brown	254
var. <i>densa</i>	80-100	...	7-10	89, 254	3	254	do	brown yellow to brown	254
var. <i>eliotii</i>	50-70	...	28-30	136, 167	3-4	1	brownish purple	light brown	136
<i>P. engelmannii</i>							green.		
<i>P. flexilis</i>	20-80	1861	20-40	122, 190, 199	2-4	122	green	lustrous yellowish to light brown.	122, 180
<i>P. Gerardiana</i>	50-80	1839	10	51	...	...	do	brown	122, 233
<i>P. glabra</i>	80-90	1683	15-20	4, 88	1	51	do	green	17
<i>P. halepensis</i>	50-80	1865	5-10	51, 190	1	51	do	lustrous yellowish brown or reddish brown.	51
<i>P. heldreichii</i>	60-100	1865	5-10	51, 190	1	251	green.	yellowish or light to dull brown.	51, 180
<i>P. insularis</i>	100-150	1853	8	51, 111	2-4	235	dark purple to black.	bright brown to dark brown.	51, 111, 146
<i>P. jeffreyi</i>	60-180	1853	8	122, 190, 235	2-4	235	dark purple to black.	dull purple to light brown	122, 180, 225

<i>P. koraiensis</i>	90-150	1861	15-40	9, 190	3-5	9	green	yellowish brown	51
<i>P. lambertiana</i>	100-225	1827	40-80	190, 199, 235, 246	3-5	235	green	lustrous greenish brown to light brown.	122, 180
<i>P. leiophylla</i> var. <i>chihuahuana</i>	30-80	.....	28-30	136, 167	3-4	1	green	light brown	191
<i>P. merkusii</i>	60-100	.....	10-20	51, 40	1-2	40	do	light brown	40, 122
<i>P. monophylla</i>	20-50	1848	20-25	27, 190, 198	1-2	27, 198	do	shining deep russet brown.	27, 122
<i>P. monticola</i>	90-200	1851	7-20	4, 179, 190, 258	3-7	237	green to purple	yellowish or beige brown thru reddish brown and dark brown.	190, 241
<i>P. mugo</i>	6-40	1779	10	51, 190	1	51	violet purple	lustrous tawny yellow to dark or cinnamon brown.	190
<i>P. muricata</i>	40-90	1846	5-6	51, 190, 235	2-3	122	green to purple	shiny light chestnut brown.	122, 180, 199
<i>P. nigra</i>	66-165	1759	15-40	190, 256	2-5	174, 256	yellowish green	shiny yellow brown to light brown.	180, 190
<i>P. palustris</i>	80-120	1727	20	88, 190, 253	5-7	253	green	green to dull brown	190, 253
<i>P. patula</i>	60-110	.....	12-15	148, 152	4-5	9	green	yellow ochre to nut brown	148
<i>P. parviflora</i>	17-100	1861	.....	51, 190	4-5	9	green	leathery-woody, brownish red to reddish brown.	12, 180
<i>P. peuce</i>	33-100	1863	12-30	51, 180, 190	3-4	58	green to yellow	tawny yellow to light brown.	122, 180, 190
<i>P. pinaster</i>	90-120	before 1660	10-15	51, 60, 190	3-5	174	purplish	lustrous light brown	51, 180
<i>P. pinea</i>	45-75	long cultivated	.....	180, 190	.....	.....	green	shiny nut brown	51, 122
<i>P. ponderosa</i> var. <i>arizonica</i>	75-90	.....	15-20	191	2-3	235	do	green brown to dull yellowish buff or brown.	51, 191
var. <i>ponderosa</i>	60-230	1826	16-20	51, 180, 190, 235	2-5	235	green to yellow	lustrous brownish green or yellow brown to purple.	122, 190
var. <i>scopulorum</i>	50-115	.....	6-20	249	2-5	249	green	purplish brown	189, 249
<i>P. pumila</i>	1-8	1807	.....	180	.....	.....	green to violet	dull reddish or yellowish brown.	180
<i>P. pungens</i>	30-60	1804	5	12, 51, 155, 190	.....	.....	purple.	lustrous light brown	122, 155
<i>P. quadrifolia</i>	15-30	1885	.....	225, 235	1-5	122, 225	deep green to brown.	yellowish or reddish brown.	51, 180
<i>P. radiata</i>	5-150	1833	5-10	130, 190, 235	1	130	do	lustrous nut brown to light brown.	130, 180, 190
<i>P. resinosa</i>	70-150	1756	20-25	71, 190	3-7	71	do	purple with reddish brown scale tips to nut brown.	71, 180, 190
<i>P. rigida</i>	20-100	before 1759	3-4	143, 190	4-9	143	do	lustrous brown or light yellow brown.	122, 180, 190
<i>P. roxburghii</i>	150-180	1807	15-40	51, 184, 233	2-4	233	green to brown	light brown	233
<i>P. sabiniana</i>	40-80	1832	10-25	51, 122, 190	2-4	122	green to light brown.	reddish to red or chestnut brown.	122, 225
<i>P. serotina</i>	40-80	1713	4-10	71, 199, 235	1	71	do	lustrous light yellow to brown.	190, 199
<i>P. sibirica</i>	130	1837	25-35	51, 109, 110, 185	3-8	110	green	violet to light gray or brown.	185, 190
<i>P. strobiformis</i>	25-125	1840	15	191, 235	3-4	191	do	greenish brown to dark brown.	191

TABLE 3.—*Pinus*: height, seed-bearing age, seed crop frequency, and fruit ripeness criteria—Continued

Species	Height at maturity	Year of first cultivation	Seed-bearing age		Interval between large seed crops		Fruit ripeness criteria		Data source
			Mini-mum	Data source	Time	Data source	Preripe color	Ripe color	
<i>P. strobus</i>	<i>Feet</i> 80-220	1705	<i>Years</i> 5-10	88, 190, 199	<i>Years</i> 3-10	80, 196	green	yellow green to light brown.	80
<i>P. sylvestris</i>	80-130	long cultivated	5-15	34, 190	4-6	34	do	dull tawny yellow, greyish or dull brown, or cinnamon brown.	35, 51, 122, 180
<i>P. taeda</i>	90-110	1713	5-10	51, 71, 190	3-13	71	do	green, shiny light brown, or dull pale reddish brown.	156, 180, 190
<i>P. thunbergiana</i>	100-130	1855	6-40	51, 145, 190	....	....	deep lustrous purple.	nut or reddish brown	145, 190
<i>P. torreyana</i>	25-60	1853	12-18	180, 225	1	235	green to dark violet.	shiny deep chestnut brown to chocolate brown.	180, 199, 225
<i>P. virginiana</i>	50-100	1739	5	71, 190	1	224	green	lustrous dark purple to dark brown.	71, 180, 224
<i>P. wallichiana</i>	50-150	1827	15-20	190, 233	1-2	233	do	tawny yellow to light brown.	122, 180

in clusters 0.5 to 2 inches long (51, 181, 209, 225). Before ripening they can be green or yellow to reddish purple, but are light brown to brown at the time of pollen shed; in most species they fall soon after ripening. Female strobili emerge from the winter bud shortly after the male strobili and are green or red to purple (51, 71, 181, 225). At the time of pollination they are nearly erect, and 0.4 to 1.5 inches long and sometimes longer. After pollination, scales of the female strobili close, and the strobili begin a slow development. At the end of the first growing season they are about one-eighth to one-fifth the length of mature cones. Where temperatures are favorable, development continues through the winter as in *P. elliotii* var. *elliottii* in Florida, and in *P. attenuata* and *P. ponderosa* at low elevations in the Sierra Nevada (122, 254). Fertilization takes place in spring or early summer about 13 months after pollination, and the cones begin to grow rapidly. Growth of a new shoot leaves the developing cone in a lateral position. As the cones mature they gradually turn from green, purple, or violet purple to yellow, light brown, reddish brown, or dark brown (table 3).

Cones and seeds of most species mature rapidly during late summer and fall of the second year (table 2). Cones of a few species mature during late winter of the second year or early spring of the third year; e.g., *P. attenuata*, *P. brutia*, and *P. merkusii* (25, 40, 122). Seeds of *P. attenuata* and *P. brutia* are mature during the fall, about 16 to 18 months after pollination, but the cones are not fully developed until late winter (25, 122). *Pinus leiophylla*, *P. leiophylla* var. *chihuahuana*, and *P. pinea* require a full 3 years for their seeds and cones to ripen (51, 136). The requirements of *P. torreyana* are still unclear. This species has been described as needing 3 years to mature its seed, but there is evidence that the seeds mature in 2 years, with the cones requiring 3 years to open (122).

The interval between large cone crops is variable and depends on the species and environmental factors. Some species consistently produce a large crop every year, while others show a cyclic pattern of 2 to 10 years between large cone crops (table 3).

Mature cones (fig. 1) vary widely in size and weight. Those of *P. mugo* are 1 to 2 inches long and weigh about 0.06 ounce, while those of *P. lambertiana* may be 12 to 25 inches long and weigh about 1 to 2 pounds. Those of *P. sabiniana* and *P. coulteri* often weigh more than 2 pounds (51, 180, 225).

The mature cone consists of overlapping woody scales, each of which bears two seeds at the base on the upper surface. The cones of most species open on the tree shortly after ripening,

and the seeds are rapidly dispersed (table 2). Drying causes the cone scales to separate owing to differential contraction of two tissue systems: woody strands of short, thick-walled, tracheid-like cells extending from the cone axis to the tip of the cone scales, and thick-walled sclerenchyma cells in the abaxial zone of the scale (2, 229). In a few species with massive cones, the scales separate slowly, and seeds are shed over periods of several months; e.g., *P. coulteri*, *P. roxburghii*, *P. sabiniana*, and *P. torreyana* (225, 233).

In some species part or all of the mature cones remain closed from several to many years or open on the tree only at irregular intervals; e.g., *P. attenuata*, *P. banksiana*, *P. brutia*, *P. clausa*, *P. contorta* var. *latifolia*, *P. halepensis*, *P. muricata*, *P. pinaster*, *P. pungens*, *P. radiata*, and *P. rigida* (51, 71, 225). In addition to their closed-cone habit (serotinous cones), *P. banksiana*, *P. clausa*, *P. rigida*, and *P. contorta* have forms whose cones open promptly at maturity (29, 71, 196, 197). The closed-cone habit is the result of three factors: (a) extremely strong adhesion between adjacent, overlapping cone scales beyond the ends of the winged seeds (138, 126); (b) cone structure; and (c) the nature of the two tissue systems in the scales described above. The scales apparently are held together by a resinous substance. The melting point of the resin seal for *P. contorta* var. *latifolia* is between 113° and 122° F. (44). Heat, especially that from fire, melts the resin and permits the cones to open. Still other species shed partly opened or unopened cones, and the seeds are dispersed only when the cones have disintegrated on the ground; e.g., *P. albicaulis*, *P. cembra*, *P. pumila*, and *P. sibirica* (51, 169, 185, 225).

Commonly, cones that opened on the tree are shed within a few months to a year after the seeds are dispersed. In some species, however, opened cones may remain on the trees for up to 5 years or indefinitely; e.g., *P. attenuata*, *P. contorta* var. *latifolia*, and *P. rigida* (71, 225).

Mature seeds vary widely in size, shape, and color (247a) (fig. 2). They range in length from one-sixteenth to one-tenth inch (2 to 3 mm.) for *P. banksiana* to more than three-fourths inch (19 mm.) for *P. sabiniana*. They are ellipsoid (*P. radiata*), pear-shaped (*P. pumila*), cylindrical (*P. gerardiana*), more or less triangular (*P. pungens*), ovoid (*P. peuce*), or convex on the inner and flattened on the outer side (*P. pinea*) (51, 180). The seedcoat, which may be reddish, purplish, greyish, brown, or black, and is often mottled, can be rather thin and papery to hard and even stony (51, 209, 225).

In most species a membranous wing is attached to the seed, but in some species the wings

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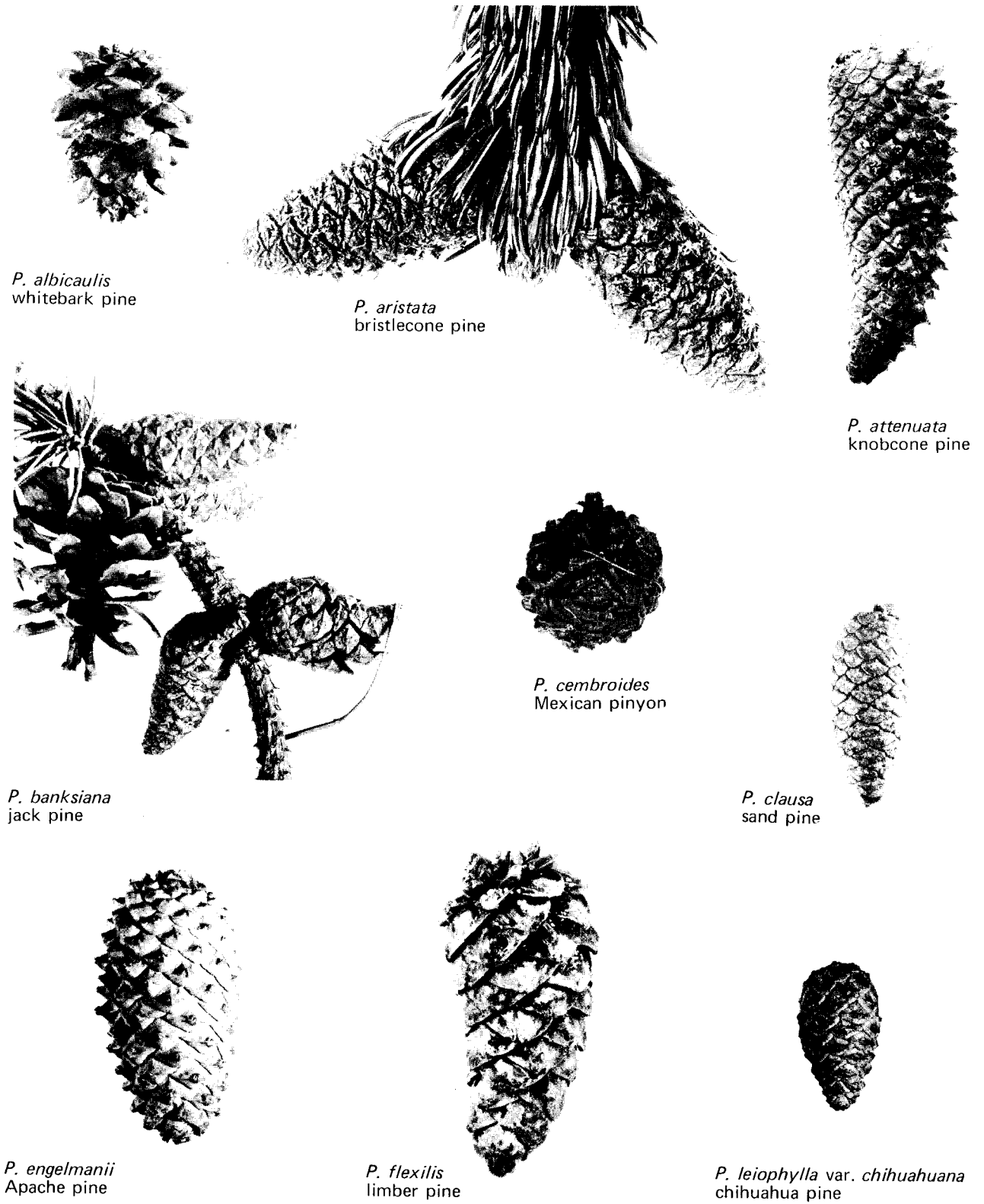


FIGURE 1.—*Pinus*: mature cones collected before seed dispersal, $\frac{1}{2} \times$.



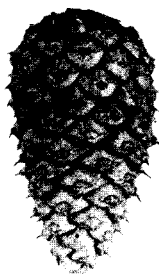
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singleleaf pinyon



P. ponderosa var. *arizonica*
Arizona pine



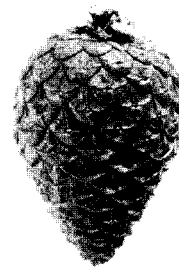
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Rocky Mountain ponderosa pine



P. rigida
pitch pine



P. pungens
Table Mountain pine



P. serotina
pond pine



P. strobiformis
southwestern white pine



P. sylvestris
Scotch pine



P. virginiana
Virginia pine

FIGURE 1.—*Pinus*: mature cones collected before seed dispersal, $\frac{1}{2} \times$ —Continued.

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P. albicaulis
whitebark pine



P. aristata
bristlecone pine



P. armandii
Armand pine



P. attenuata
knobcone pine



P. balfouriana
foxtail pine



P. banksiana
jack pine



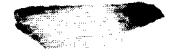
P. brutia
Calabrian pine



P. bungeana
lacebark pine



P. cembroides
Mexican pine



P. clausa
sand pine



P. contorta var. *murrayana*
Sierra Nevada lodgepole pine



P. coulteri
Coulter pine



P. densiflora
Japanese red pine



P. echinata
shortleaf pine



P. edulis
pinyon



P. elliotii var. *elliotii*
slash pine



P. engelmannii
Apache pine



P. flexilis
limber pine



P. gerardiana
chilgoza pine



P. glabra
spruce pine



P. halepensis
Aleppo pine



P. heldreichii
Heldreich pine



P. insularis
Khasi pine



P. jeffreyi
Jeffrey pine



P. koraiensis
Korean pine



P. lambertiana
sugar pine



P. leiophylla var. *chihuahuana*
Chihuahua pine



P. merkusii
Merkus pine



P. monophylla
singleleaf pinyon

FIGURE 2.—*Pinus*: seeds as shed naturally from their cones, 1 ×; some are wingless when shed.

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are absent or rudimentary; e.g., *P. albicaulis*, *P. armandii*, *P. cembra*, *P. flexilis*, *P. gerardiana*, *P. koraiensis*, *P. pumila*, *P. sibirica*, and *P. strobiformis* (209, 225, 233, 247a) (fig. 2). In others the wing or modified "wings" may remain attached to the cone scales when the seeds are shed; e.g., *P. cembroides*, *P. edulis*, *P. gerardiana*, *P. monophylla*, and *P. quadrifolia* (225, 233). The seed wings are easily detachable from the seed of most hard pines except *P. pinea*, *P. roxburghii*, and *P. canariensis*; those of the soft pines are firmly attached except for *P. aristata* and certain sources of *P. balfouriana* (169, 209, 233).

The mature seed consists of a seedcoat which encloses an embryo imbedded in a food-storage tissue, the endosperm (female gametophyte). Attached at the micropylar end of the whitish endosperm is a brown papery cap, the remnant of the nucellus. The endosperm and papery cap are covered by a thin, brown, membranous material—the remnant of the inner layer of the ovules integument (fig. 3).

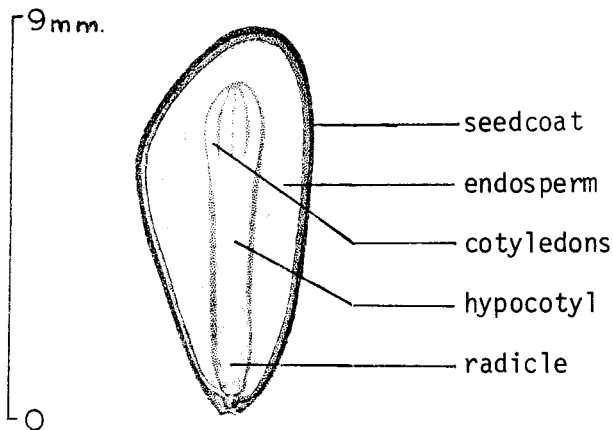


FIGURE 3.—*Pinus ponderosa*, ponderosa pine: longitudinal section through a seed, 6 ×.

Collection of cones.—Cones should be collected from trees superior in growth and form characteristics. Larger cones generally contain more seeds, but normally all cones are collected except those with obvious disease and insect damage. Widely spaced, dominant trees with full crowns produce the most seeds per cone, provided adequate pollen from other trees is available. When trees are isolated and pollen from other trees is limited, seed yield tends to be low. In dense, young stands most species usually produce little seed. Those species which form fire thickets are exceptions; e.g., *P. attenuata*, *P. banksiana*, *P. clausa*, *P. rigida*, and *P. serotina* (71).

Ripe cones can be collected from standing trees, from newly felled trees, and from animal caches. To avoid large yields of immature seed, collection from animal caches should not begin until late fall, when the seeds are definitely mature (205). For most species, cone collections from standing trees should start as soon as the cones are ripe and just cracking, since most seeds are shed promptly from opening cones. For closed-cone species, collections can be delayed without loss of seed, and frequently delay is even desirable. Although seeds may be mature in the fall, the closed cones are very difficult to open at that time; additional maturation on the tree facilitates both cone opening and seed extraction (25, 122).

To avoid extensive collections of immature or empty seeds, it is advisable to first check ripeness of seeds in small samples of cones from individual trees. A mature seed has a firm white to yellow, or cream-colored "endosperm" and a white to yellow embryo which nearly fills the endosperm cavity. With experience this visual check is very useful, and with some species it may be essential.

Ripeness for some species can be estimated by changes in cone color. Colors of green and ripe cones for most species are listed in table 3. For example, *P. ponderosa* var. *ponderosa* cones are mature when the color changes from green or yellow green to brownish green, yellow brown, or russet brown; *P. resinosa* cones turn from green to purplish with reddish brown on the scale tips; *P. strobus* cones turn from green to yellow green with brown on the scale tips or to light brown. For some species such color change comes too late to be a useful index; e.g., in *P. palustris* the ripe cones are still green in color and may have already started to open before turning brown (254).

For species in which changes in cone color may not be useful, flotation tests of cone specific gravity may be. These tests are based on the fresh weight of the cone. Species for which cone specific gravity has been related to seed maturity and their appropriate tests are shown in table 4. The easiest way to determine if cones have reached a desired specific gravity range is to see if samples of freshly picked cones will sink or float in liquids with known specific gravities. *Pinus ponderosa* seeds are ripe when the cones will float in kerosene, *P. strobus* is ripe when the cones just float in linseed oil, and *P. glabra* is ripe when the cones just float in SAE 20 motor oil. Cones from standing or felled trees should be tested only when fresh, since excessive drying will lead to erroneous conclusions as to maturity.

Collecting from felled trees should only take place after the seeds mature. Otherwise there

TABLE 4.—*Pinus*: specific gravity of ripe cones and liquids used for testing ripeness by flotation

Species	Specific gravity of ripe cones	Flotation test liquid ¹	Data source
<i>P. aristata</i>	0.59–0.80	kerosene	206
<i>P. contorta</i> var. <i>latifolia</i>	0.43–0.89		149
<i>P. densiflora</i>	1.10		269
<i>P. echinata</i>	0.88	SAE 20 motor oil, or 1 part kerosene to 4 parts linseed oil	254
<i>P. edulis</i>	0.80–0.86	kerosene	204
<i>P. elliotii</i>			
var. <i>densa</i>	<0.89	SAE 20 motor oil	114
var. <i>elliotii</i>	<0.90	SAE 20 motor oil	254
<i>P. glabra</i>	0.88	SAE 20 motor oil	17
<i>P. jeffreyi</i>	0.81–0.86		203
<i>P. lambertiana</i>	0.70–0.80		203
<i>P. palustris</i>	0.80–0.89	SAE 20 motor oil	254
<i>P. ponderosa</i>			
var. <i>arizonica</i>	0.88–0.97		191
var. <i>ponderosa</i>	0.80–0.86	kerosene	71
var. <i>scopulorum</i>	<0.85	kerosene	223
<i>P. radiata</i>	<1	water	130
<i>P. resinosa</i>	0.80–0.94	kerosene ²	71
<i>P. serotina</i>	0.88		114, 254
<i>P. strobiformis</i>	0.85–0.95	95% ethanol	191
<i>P. strobus</i>	0.92–0.97	linseed oil	235
<i>P. sylvestris</i>	0.88–1.00		66, 131
<i>P. taeda</i>	0.88	SAE 20 motor oil, or 1 part kerosene to 4 parts linseed oil	
<i>P. virginiana</i>	<1.00		68

¹ Test should be made as soon after picking as possible to prevent excessive drying; the liquids have the following specific gravities: kerosene 0.80, 95 percent ethanol 0.82, SAE 20 motor oil 0.88, linseed oil 0.93. Five or more freshly picked cones should float before crop is considered ripe.

² Red pine cones which float in a 50–50 mixture of linseed oil and kerosene are within 10 days of being ripe.

is a risk of harvesting immature seeds. In some species, e.g., *P. taeda* and *P. echinata*, nearly mature cones can ripen in the crown on felled trees, but in other species they may not (254). With some species, slightly immature seeds can be successfully ripened in the cones after removal from the tree—(*P. elliotii* var. *elliotii*) (23, 254); in cold moist storage—(*P. lambertiana*) (121); or in prolonged cold dry storage in closed containers—(*P. virginiana*) (37). Such methods should only be attempted if completely mature seeds cannot be collected.

Cones most often are hand-picked, either from ladders or by climbing the trees. For some species, hand cutters or a cutting hook must be used to detach the cones, and hooks may be needed to bring the cone-laden branches to the picker. With certain species, mechanical tree shakers have been used for the rapid harvesting of cones; e.g., *P. elliotii* var. *elliotii*, *P. palustris*, and *P. taeda* (119). With a few others; e.g., *P. edulis*, *P. monophylla*, and *P. quadrifolia*, large amounts of seeds are collected by shaking the tree or beating the crown to extract the seeds, and then gathering them from the ground (204, 235).

Cone processing and seed extraction.—Cones should be dried immediately after collection to avoid mold development and excessive internal heating, which lead to rapid seed deterioration. Drying can be accomplished in 2 to 60 days by

immediately spreading the fresh cones in thin layers on a dry surface in the sun, or on trays in a well-ventilated building, or by placing them in sacks hung from an overhead rack protected from rain (205, 221, 223, 254). The cones should dry slowly to prevent “case hardening.” After initial drying, the cones can be stored temporarily in well-ventilated bags or trays. For many species, ripe cones open satisfactorily under the above conditions, but cones of some species may require additional heat in either a cone drying kiln or a heated shed. Properly air-dried cones of a few species may open satisfactorily after a few hours in a kiln, but those of other species may require several days. Cones of most species can be opened at kiln temperatures not exceeding 130° F. and a humidity of about 20 percent; but cones of a few species, e.g., *P. banksiana*, *P. clausa*, *P. ponderosa* var. *scopulorum*, require higher temperatures (205, 221, 223, 235) (table 5).

Cones stored long enough in containers to have dried without opening or cones dried under cool conditions may not open properly during kiln drying. In such cases, the cones must be soaked in water for 12 to 24 hours, and then kiln dried before they will open satisfactorily (223).

Serotinous cones have been opened by dipping them in boiling water for 10 to 120 seconds. Immersion times up to 10 minutes, however,

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TABLE 5.—*Pinus*: cone processing schedules and viable periods for seeds in cold storage

Species	Cone processing schedule				Data source	Viable period for seeds in cold storage ²	
	Time in boiling water	Air-drying time ¹	Kiln drying			Time	Data source
			Time	Mean temperature			
	Seconds	Days	Hours	°F.		Years	
<i>P. albicaulis</i> ³	0	15-30	0	---	122	8	122, 166
<i>P. aristata</i>	0	2-8	0	---	206	9	166, 204
<i>P. armandii</i>	0	15	0	---	122	---	---
<i>P. attenuata</i>	15-30	1-3	48	120	122	16	122, 202
<i>P. balfouriana</i>	0	2-8	0	---	122	16	122, 202
<i>P. banksiana</i>	0	---	2-4	150	126	10	122, 213
	10-30	3-10	0	---	126	---	---
<i>P. brutia</i>	0	3-20	0	---	78, 122	3	122, 202
	0	---	10	130	78, 122	---	---
<i>P. canariensis</i>	0	2-10	0	---	122	18	122, 202
<i>P. caribaea</i>	---	---	---	---	---	3	150
<i>P. cembra</i> ³	---	---	---	---	---	1+	172
<i>P. cembroides</i> ⁴	0	2-8	0	---	122	---	---
<i>P. clausa</i>	10-30	1	2-4	145	114, 138	5	29
<i>P. contorta</i>							
var. <i>contorta</i>	0	2-20	0	---	63, 122	17	122, 202
	0	---	96	120	63, 122	---	---
var. <i>latifolia</i>	⁵ 30-60	2-30	0	---	149	7+	202, 242
	0	---	6-8	140	235	---	---
var. <i>murrayana</i>	0	2-20	0	---	63, 122	17	122, 202
<i>P. coulteri</i>	0-120	3-15	0	---	122	5	122, 166
	0	---	72	120	122	---	---
<i>P. densiflora</i>	0-30	3-4	0	---	196, 264	2-5	98, 177,
<i>P. echinata</i>	0	---	48	105	159, 254	35	159, 255
<i>P. edulis</i> ⁴	0	2	0	---	204	---	---
<i>P. elliotii</i>							
var. <i>densa</i>	0	---	8-10	120	22	---	---
	0	4	0	---	22	---	---
var. <i>elliotii</i>	0	---	8-10	120	254	35	113, 226
	0	42	0	---	254	---	---
<i>P. engelmannii</i>	0	---	60	110	235	---	---
<i>P. flexilis</i>	0	15-30	0	---	122	5	122, 219
<i>P. gerardiana</i>	0	15	0	---	122	---	---
<i>P. glabra</i>	0	---	48	100	17	1+	15, 16
<i>P. halepensis</i>	0	---	10	130	122	10	78, 112
	0	3-10	0	---	118, 122	---	---
<i>P. heldreichii</i>	0	5-20	0	---	122	---	---
<i>P. insularis</i>	0	5-20	0	---	122, 146	---	---
<i>P. jeffreyi</i>	0	---	24	120	122	18	166, 122
	0	5-7	0	---	122	---	---
<i>P. lambertiana</i>	0	---	24	120	122	21	202, 246
	0	5-7	0	---	122	---	---
<i>P. merkusii</i>	0	5-7	0	---	122	2+	78
<i>P. monophylla</i> ⁴	0	2-3	0	---	122	---	---
<i>P. monticola</i>	0	---	14	110	122, 243	20	202, 246
	0	5-7	0	---	---	---	---
<i>P. mugo</i>	0	---	48	120	122, 174	5	112, 174
<i>P. muricata</i>	0	---	48	120	63	---	---
<i>P. nigra</i>	0	---	24	115	174	10+	98
	0	3-10	0	---	122	---	---
<i>P. palustris</i>	0	---	48	100	254	5-10	14, 157
<i>P. parviflora</i>	0	5-15	0	---	122	---	---
<i>P. patula</i>	15-30	1-2	48	115	122	21	122, 202
<i>P. pinaster</i>	0	---	---	115	118, 174	11	112, 166
	0	4-10	0	---	118, 122	---	---
<i>P. pinea</i>	---	---	---	---	---	18	202
<i>P. ponderosa</i>							
var. <i>arizonica</i>	0	---	60	110	235	---	---
var. <i>ponderosa</i>	0	---	3	120	26, 122, 235	18	26, 202
	0	4-12	0	---	26, 122, 235	---	---
var. <i>scopulorum</i>	0	---	2	165	67	15+	67
	0	4-12	0	---	122	---	---
<i>P. pumila</i> ³	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<i>P. pungens</i>	0	---	72	120	3	9	98
	0	30	0	---	3	---	---

TABLE 5.—*Pinus*: cone processing schedules and viable periods for seeds in cold storage—Continued

Species	Cone processing schedule					Viable period for seeds in cold storage ²	
	Time in boiling water	Air-drying time ¹	Kiln drying		Data source	Time	Data source
			Time	Mean temperature			
	Seconds	Days	Hours	°F.		Years	
<i>P. quadrifolia</i> ⁴	0	2-8	0		122		
<i>P. radiata</i>	60-120	0	48-72	120	246	21	112, 202
	60-120	3-7	0		246		
<i>P. resinosa</i>	0		9	130	221, 238	30	98, 213, 248
<i>P. rigida</i> ⁵					52	11	52, 98
<i>P. roxburghii</i>	0				233	4+	56, 112
<i>P. sabiniana</i>	0		48	120	122	5	122
<i>P. serotina</i>	0		48	105	114		
<i>P. sibirica</i> ³						2+	238
<i>P. strobiformis</i>	0	14	0		191		
<i>P. strobus</i>	0		4-12	130	221	10	80, 98
<i>P. sylvestris</i>	0		10-16	120	176, 212	15	98, 115
	0	3-7	0		122		
<i>P. taeda</i>	0		48	105	159, 254	9+	159, 235
<i>P. thunbergiana</i>	0-30	5-20	0		122, 177	11	202
<i>P. torreyana</i>	0	5-20	0		122	6	122, 166
<i>P. virginiana</i>	0		2	170	37	5+	112, 235

¹ Air-drying times are for a temperature range of 60° to 90° F. When kiln-drying is used, it should be preceded by an air-drying period that was not reported for most species. A period of 3 to 7 days is recommended where no times are listed.

² Period after which at least 50 percent of the seeds germinated. Storage temperature ranges for most species were either 0° to 5° F. or 33° to 41° F. The lower range is preferred. Seed moisture contents between 5 and 10 percent were satisfactory.

³ *P. albicaulis*, *P. cembra*, *P. pumila*, and *P. sibirica*: Cones must be broken up to release the seeds.

⁴ *P. cembroides*, *P. edulis*, *P. monophylla*, and *P. quadrifolia*: An alternate procedure is to shake the tree to release the seeds and collect them on a cloth spread on the ground.

⁵ *P. contorta* var. *latifolia*: Time required in boiling water is estimated. Reported treatment was 5 to 10 minutes in water at 148° F. or higher (149).

⁶ *P. rigida*: Cones were soaked in water overnight and dried in a warm room (52).

have been needed to open some lots of serotinous cones (122). This procedure, by melting the resins between the cone scales and by wetting the woody cone, produces maximum scale reflexing (138, 126).

After the cones are opened they are shaken to remove the seeds. Seeds normally are extracted by placing the cones in a large mechanical tumbler or shaker, or in a small manual shaker for small lots. Seeds are then dewinged by machines of various types, by being flailed in a sack, or by rubbing. Dewinging of a few species can be simplified by first wetting the seeds, then letting them dry; wings are loosened by this method and can then be fanned out (223, 254). Care must be exercised in the use of mechanical dewingers, since they may injure the seed. Seeds of three species—*P. aristata* (206), *P. palustris* (254), and *P. sylvestris* (115)—are especially susceptible to mechanical damage and must be dewinged very carefully. The seeds are cleaned by using mechanical clipper cleaners, fanning mills, screens, or gravity separators to remove the mixture of broken seed wings, pieces of cone scale, and other impurities.

After completing the dewinging and cleaning processes, empty seeds of many species can be separated from the sound seeds by flotation in a liquid having a suitable specific gravity. This procedure has been used on the species listed below.

Species	Flotation liquid for separating empty seeds	Data source
<i>P. brutia</i>	water	118
<i>P. coulteri</i>	water	122
<i>P. echinata</i>	95% ethanol	159
<i>P. echinata</i>	water	254
<i>P. elliotii</i> var. <i>elliotii</i>	water	254
<i>P. glabra</i>	95% ethanol	15
<i>P. halepensis</i>	95% ethanol	118
<i>P. nigra</i>	95% ethanol	118, 174
<i>P. palustris</i>	pentane	158
<i>P. pinaster</i>	95% ethanol	118, 174
<i>P. pinea</i>	water	77, 118
<i>P. sabiniana</i>	water	122
<i>P. strobus</i>	100% ethanol	221
<i>P. sylvestris</i>	petroleum ether	127
<i>P. taeda</i>	water	159, 254

Viability may be reduced after seeds have been immersed in an organic liquid such as ethanol, pentane, or petroleum ether. The reduction, however, can be minimized by using

TABLE 6.—*Pinus: cleaned seeds per pound and other yield data*

Species	Place of collection	Data for yield computations					Cleaned seeds per pound				Data source
		Cones per bushel	Seeds per 100 pounds of cones	Seeds per bushel of cones	Data source	Range	Average	Samples			
								Number	Number		
<i>P. albicaulis</i>	Idaho					2,200-3,000	2,600	3	240		
<i>P. aristata</i>	Arizona	26-28	4.0	1.1	206	17,500-19,100	18,100	4	206		
<i>P. armandii</i>	France					1,200-1,870	1,600	2	54		
<i>P. attenuata</i>	California, Oregon			0.1	122	15,200-32,400	25,400	6	122		
<i>P. balfouriana</i>	California					14,200-22,000	16,900	3	122		
<i>P. banksiana</i>	Lake States	40	1.0	0.2-0.7	221, 235	71,000-250,000	131,000	423	235		
<i>P. brutia</i>	Europe					7,600-11,600	9,100	5	118		
<i>P. canariensis</i>	South Africa					4,000-4,500	4,200	10	184		
<i>P. caribaea</i>						23,700-36,800	31,000	10+	150		
<i>P. cembra</i>	Germany					1,600-2,300	2,000	10+	256		
<i>P. cembroides</i>						650-2,100	1,100	5	192		
<i>P. clausa</i>	Florida		3.5	0.6-0.9	235	65,000-85,000	75,000	10+	235		
<i>P. contorta</i>						111,000-165,000	135,000	28	235		
var. <i>contorta</i>	California				63	79,000-114,000	94,000	39	245		
var. <i>latifolia</i>	Colorado to Montana.	35-50	0.8-1.0	0.2-0.8	243, 245						
var. <i>murrayana</i>	California	40-50	0.55	0.2	63	116,000-119,000	117,000	4	63		
<i>P. coulteri</i>	California	35-40	2.2	0.8	63	1,200-1,600	1,400	8	63		
<i>P. densiflora</i>	Japan		2.0	0.5-0.8	235	36,000-64,000	52,000	26	228		
<i>P. echinata</i>		35	2.0-3.0	0.4-1.1	159, 235	32,100-72,900	46,300	144	239		
<i>P. edulis</i>	Arizona	17	28	3.3	204	1,500-2,500	1,900	9	235		
<i>P. elliotii</i>											
var. <i>densa</i>	southern Florida			0.5-1.0	24	14,300-16,700	15,400	30	239		
var. <i>eliotii</i>				0.6-0.8	170, 235	9,610-19,300	13,500	404	239		
<i>P. engelmannii</i>	Arizona	37	1.1	0.4	188		10,000	1	188		
<i>P. flexilis</i>						3,200-6,800	4,900	44	219		
<i>P. Gerardiana</i>	India					1,100-1,300	1,100	10	207		
<i>P. glabra</i>	Louisiana			0.1-1.0	17	40,000-52,000	46,000	8	17		
<i>P. halepensis</i>	Italy					22,000-40,000	28,000	10+	152		
<i>P. heldreichii</i>						16,000-32,000	21,000	18	94, 238		
<i>P. insularis</i>	southeast Asia	25-30	3.5	0.95-2.0	235	20,000-34,400	27,000	5+	122		
<i>P. jeffreyi</i>	California					2,650-5,300	3,700	26	63		
<i>P. koraiensis</i>	Korea	20-25	3.7	1.5-2.0	63, 235	740-930	820	3	238		
<i>P. lambertiana</i>	California			0.75-0.88	235	1,500-2,700	2,100	27	63		
<i>P. leiophylla</i> var. <i>chihuahuana</i>							40,000	1+	235		
<i>P. merkusii</i>						12,800-26,800	18,200	11	40		

<i>P. monophylla</i>	Utah, Nevada.....	25-30	1.0	1.7-4.7	63, 247	1,030-	1,110	2	226, 247
<i>P. monticola</i>.....	.....	39	1.0	0.3-0.8	63, 235	14,000-	27,000	99+	235
<i>P. mugo</i>	Germany.....	40-50	0.4	0.8	172, 174	57,000-	69,000	10	256
<i>P. muricata</i>	California.....	32-40	0.4	0.2	63	39,200-	46,800	3	63
<i>P. nigra</i>.....	.....	35	2.1	0.4-1.2	165, 174, 226, 256	14,000-	26,000	159+	235
<i>P. palustris</i>	Louisiana.....	.....	2.1	0.8	159	3,000-	4,900	220	159
<i>P. parviflora</i>	Mexico, South Africa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,100-	3,900	3+	54
<i>P. patula</i>.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40,000-	52,600	3+	129, 187
<i>P. peuce</i>.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,000-	11,000	6	187
<i>P. pinaster</i>.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,750-	10,000	16	55
<i>P. pinea</i>	Europe.....	.....	3.5-5.5	.....	235	495-	600	4	102, 187
<i>P. ponderosa</i>.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
var. <i>arizonica</i>	Arizona.....	36	0.9-2.3	0.7-1.0	191, 235	10,900-	11,400	10	191
var. <i>ponderosa</i>.....	.....	21-60	2.0-7.0	0.6-2.0	50, 164, 235, 245	6,900-	12,000	185	50, 235
var. <i>scopulorum</i>	Black Hills.....	39	3.9	1.5	249	10,200-	13,100	74	249
<i>P. pumila</i>.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>P. pungens</i>	West Virginia.....	.....	3.0	0.4	3, 235	30,700-	34,200	1	187
<i>P. quadrifolia</i>	California.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	820-	960	3	3
<i>P. radiata</i>	California.....	35-40	0.9	0.3	63	10,300-	13,300	7	122, 238
<i>P. resinosa</i>	Lake States.....	35	1.0-2.0	0.5-0.8	221, 235	30,000-	52,000	529	63
<i>P. rigida</i>	New York, Pennsylv- sylvania.....	33-39	2.0-3.0	0.8	65, 235	42,500-	61,700	10	235, 238
<i>P. roxburghii</i>	India.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,100-	5,600	36	233
<i>P. sabiniana</i>	California.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	530-	580	3	122
<i>P. serotina</i>	southeastern United States.....	.....	.....	0.4	235	47,000-	54,000	4	235
<i>P. sibirica</i>	Siberia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,600-	1,800	10+	185
<i>P. strobiformis</i>	Arizona.....	26	8.0	2.7	191	2,500-	2,700	10	191
<i>P. strobus</i>.....	.....	15	2.0-3.0	0.3-1.7	221, 235	17,500-	26,500	300	235, 238
<i>P. sylvestris</i>	Europe and eastern United States.....	27-56	2.0	0.4-0.6	65, 235	33,800-	75,000	346+	101, 235
<i>P. taeda</i>.....	.....	35	2.0-3.0	0.6-1.3	159, 235	12,300-	18,200	652	239
<i>P. thunbergiana</i>	Japan, Korea, and northeastern United States.....	41	.....	0.2-0.8	145, 177	26,000-	34,000	50	235
<i>P. torreyana</i>	California.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	400-	500	7	235
<i>P. virginiana</i>	3.0	0.5-0.9	182, 235	45,700-	55,400	30	239
<i>P. wallichiana</i>	India.....	7,200-	9,100	163	207

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a short immersion time and by evaporating all traces of the liquid from the seeds before they are placed in storage (15).

When water is used for floating off the empty seeds, the remaining sound seeds should be dried to a moisture content between 5 and 10 percent before the seeds are placed in storage.

Numbers of cleaned seeds per pound and some data for computing yields of cones and seeds are given for 65 species and varieties in table 6.

Seed storage.—For most pines, high seed viability can be maintained for long periods of time with the proper storage methods. *Pinus resinosa* seed stored 30 years still produced vigorous seedlings in the nursery (96), as did those of *P. echinata* and *P. elliotii* var. *elliotii* stored for 35 years (255). Seeds of many species are now routinely stored for periods of 5 to 10 years. Storage temperature and seed moisture content are the two most important factors affecting the success of seed storage. As a general rule, seeds should be dried to a moisture content between 5 and 10 percent. Temperatures of 0° to 5° F. are preferred for most species for long-term storage (122, 255), but a range of 33° to 41° F. also has been used. The viable periods for seeds stored under these conditions are listed in table 5. Seeds of a few species such as *P. insularis* and *P. wallichiana* have remained viable for several years at ordinary room temperature (38, 56), but such storage is not recommended. Some seed lots deteriorate rapidly following removal from cold storage if they are held at room air temperature before sowing. Seeds should not be removed from storage more than a week before stratifying the seeds at low temperatures, sowing, or testing (254).

Pregermination treatments.—Most pines of temperate climates shed their seeds in the fall, and the seeds germinate promptly during the first spring. For some species, such as *P. cembra* or *P. peuce* germination may take place during the second or even third year after dispersal. Pine seeds display highly variable germination behavior when sown following extraction or storage. The type and degree of dormancy vary among species, geographic sources of the same species, and lots from the same source. Seed dormancy may result from prolonged extraction at too high temperatures, and dormancy may increase with prolonged storage (97, 122). Seeds of many species ordinarily germinate satisfactorily without pretreatment, but germination is greatly improved and hastened by first subjecting the seeds to cold stratification, especially if the seeds have been stored.

Stratification is accomplished by first soaking

the seeds in water for 1 or 2 days and then placing them in a moist medium or in a plastic bag and holding them at a temperature between 33° and 41° F. for a specified period of time (Chapter 6). Recommended periods for both fresh and stored seeds of *Pinus* are listed in table 7 for 64 species and varieties.

TABLE 7.—*Pinus*: recommended cold stratification periods (33°–41° F. in a moist medium) and other pregermination treatments

Species	Recommended cold stratification period		Data sources
	Fresh seed	Stored seed	
	Days	Days	
<i>P. albicaulis</i>	90–120	90–120	122
<i>P. aristata</i>	0	0–30	112, 204
<i>P. armandii</i>	90	90	97, 122
<i>P. attenuata</i>	60	60	122
<i>P. balfouriana</i>	90	90	122
<i>P. banksiana</i>	0–7	0–7	193, 248
<i>P. brutia</i>	0	0–45	78, 208
<i>P. canariensis</i>	0	0–20	152, 196
<i>P. caribaea</i>	0	0	150
<i>P. cembra</i> ^{1, 2}	90–270	90–270	99, 122, 194
<i>P. cembroides</i>	0	0–30	78, 108, 122
<i>P. clausa</i>	21	21	29
<i>P. contorta</i>			
var. <i>contorta</i>	0	20–30	122
var. <i>latifolia</i>	0	30–56	243, 244
var. <i>murrayana</i>	0	28	63, 122
<i>P. coulteri</i>	0	21–90	63, 108, 122, 246
<i>P. densiflora</i>	0	0–20	97, 99, 122
<i>P. echinata</i>	0–15	15–60	122, 159
<i>P. edulis</i> ³	0	0–60	204
<i>P. elliotii</i>			
var. <i>densa</i>	30	30	239
var. <i>elliotii</i>	0	15–60	153, 227, 235
<i>P. engelmannii</i>	0	0	235
<i>P. flexilis</i>	21–90	21–90	99, 239
<i>P. gerardiana</i>	0	0–30	122
<i>P. glabra</i>	28	28	15, 160
<i>P. halepensis</i>	0	0	152
<i>P. heldreichii</i>	30–42	30–42	94, 99, 108
<i>P. insularis</i>	0	0	102, 152
<i>P. jeffreyi</i>	0	0–60	63, 108
<i>P. koraiensis</i> ²	90	90	8, 9, 226
<i>P. lambertiana</i>	60–90	60–90	63, 97, 108, 122
<i>P. merkusii</i>	0	0	102, 152
<i>P. monophylla</i>	28–90	28–90	122, 247
<i>P. monticola</i>	30–120	30–120	97, 122, 235, 237, 246
<i>P. mugo</i>	0	0	122, 196
<i>P. muricata</i>	0	20–30	63, 122, 235
<i>P. nigra</i>	0	0–60	122, 196, 235
<i>P. palustris</i>	0	0–30	235, 254
<i>P. parviflora</i> ²	90	90	9
<i>P. patula</i>	60	60	122
<i>P. peuce</i> ⁴	0–60	60–180	99, 108, 122, 238
<i>P. pinaster</i> ³	0	60	105, 152
<i>P. pinea</i> ³	0	0	152
<i>P. ponderosa</i>			
var. <i>arizonica</i>	0	0	152
var. <i>ponderosa</i>	0	30–60	63, 122, 247
var. <i>scopulorum</i>	0	20–60	122, 249

TABLE 7.—*Pinus*: recommended cold stratification periods (33°–41° F. in a moist medium) and other pregermination treatments—Continued

Species	Recommended cold stratification period		Data sources
	Fresh seed	Stored seed	
	Days	Days	
<i>P. pumila</i>	120–150	120–150	8, 97, 122
<i>P. pungens</i>	0	0	3
<i>P. quadrifolia</i>	0	0–30	122
<i>P. radiata</i>	0–7	7–20	108, 122
<i>P. resinosa</i>	0	60	97, 122, 193
<i>P. rigida</i>	0	0–30	52, 235
<i>P. roxburghii</i>	0	0	122
<i>P. sabiniana</i> ⁵	60–120	60–120	122, 165, 235
<i>P. serotina</i>	0	0–30	114
<i>P. sibirica</i> ²	60–90	60–90	238
<i>P. strobiformis</i>	60–120	60–120	7, 191
<i>P. strobus</i>	60	60	122, 193, 235
<i>P. sylvestris</i>	0	15–90	91, 101, 235
<i>P. taeda</i>	30–60	30–60	161
<i>P. thunbergiana</i>	0	30–60	18, 99
<i>P. torreyana</i>	30–90	30–90	122, 235
<i>P. virginiana</i>	0–30	30	97, 239
<i>P. wallichiana</i>	0–15	15–90	56, 99

¹ *P. cembra*: cold stratification period has been reduced to 90 days by first soaking the seeds in concentrated sulfuric acid for 3 to 5 hours, or by mechanically scarifying the seeds (122, 194), but acid treatment is not now recommended.

² *P. cembra*, *P. koraiensis*, *P. parviflora*, *P. sibirica*: In some lots embryos may be immature and require a warm moist stratification period (2 months at 70° to 80° F.) preceding the cold stratification period (9, 99, 237).

³ *P. edulis* (204), *P. pinaster* (152) and *P. pinea* (152): Good germination has been obtained after soaking seeds in cold (40° F.) water for 24 hours with no subsequent stratification.

⁴ *P. peuce*: a cold stratification period of 60 days was sufficient when seeds were first soaked in sulfuric acid for 30 minutes (99, 122, 238), but acid treatment is not now recommended.

⁵ *P. sabiniana*: germination is speeded by cracking the thick seedcoats, before stratification (122, 165, 235).

Seeds of some species may exhibit extreme dormancy; e.g., those that require more than 60 days of stratification (table 7). The dormancy may be due to physiological or physical factors. A pretreatment may be needed to overcome a physiological block in the embryo; e.g., *P. lambertiana* (121), or effect a physical change in the seedcoat to make it permeable to water; e.g., *P. sabiniana* (82, 121). The dormancy can also be more complex; an anatomically immature embryo with a physiological block may be coupled with an impermeable seedcoat as in *P. cembra*. Acid scarification of seedcoats has been used with several species; e.g., *P. cembra*, *P. peuce*, and *P. sabiniana*, but

prolonged cold stratification for 6 to 9 months is much more effective (100, 121). Acid scarification is not recommended for seeds of pines (122).

Seeds of *P. cembra*, *P. koraiensis*, *P. parviflora*, and *P. sibirica* are suspected of having immature embryos at the time of collection. Germination has been increased by placing the seeds first in a warm moist environment for several months and then in cold stratification for several more months (table 7, footnote 2) (8, 9, 173, 238).

Germination tests.—For reliable tests of seed viability the seed is allowed to germinate under near-optimum conditions of aeration, moisture, temperature, and light. On the basis of extensive experience and experimentation, standardized seed tests for a number of pine species have been established by the Association of Official Seed Analysts (10), the International Seed Testing Association (108), and certain regional organizations such as the Western Forest Tree Seed Council (263). Recommendations and procedures given by these organizations and others who test seeds are summarized in table 8. In addition, the results of seed tests conducted under known conditions are given for 61 species and varieties.

The germination of pine seeds can be effectively tested in any medium or container that provides good aeration and holds adequate moisture. For a number of species, light, commonly supplied by a cool white fluorescent lamp, is required for reliable tests. When light is necessary, the usual exposure is 8 hours in each 24-hour period. Different temperatures are employed in seed testing; constant 68° F. and alternating 86°/68° F. regimes are most common. When alternating temperatures are used, the higher temperature ordinarily is for 8 hours and the lower is for 16. The duration of most tests is from 3 to 4 weeks. Usually 400 to 1,000 seeds per test are adequate. Germination is epigeal (fig. 4).

Cutting tests are commonly used for rough determinations of seed quality. Such tests can also provide information on soundness and can be used as an emergency guide in fall sowing of fresh seeds with embryo dormancy. X-ray methods too supply good information on soundness. Estimates of viability from the above tests are the most subject to error, since the seeds are not actually germinated (221, 223, 254) (Chapter 7).

Biochemical methods employing a rapid viability indicator such as one of the tetrazolium compounds can also be used, but are not generally recommended. The results are highly dependent on the analyst's experience, and the

TABLE 8.—*Pinus: germination test conditions and results*

Species	Pre-treat-ment ¹	Daily light period	Germination test conditions				Germinative energy		Germinative capacity		Data source
			Medium ²	Temperature ³		Dura-tion	Amount	Period	Average	Samples	
				Light	Dark							Days	Percent	Percent	Number
		Hours	°F.	°F.	Days	Percent	Days	Percent	Number		
<i>P. albicaulis</i>	+	8	86	68	28	---	---	30	2	10	
	+	0	---	70/50	365	---	---	---	---	240	
<i>P. aristata</i>	---	0	---	86/68	14	---	---	---	---	10	
	---	24	90/70	---	22	75	7	91	74	206	
<i>P. attenuata</i>	+	0	---	95/68	30	---	---	86	7+	235	
	+	24	72-78	---	30	79	5	92	1	122	
<i>P. banksiana</i>	---	8	---	86/68	120	69	10	85	4	238	
	---	8	---	68	14	86	10	87	14	10, 96	
<i>P. canariensis</i>	+	8	86	68	23	54	5	69	29	193	
	+	8	86	68	23	72	9	75	6	21	
<i>P. caribaea</i>	---	0	---	70	30	58	20	74	9	96, 187	
	---	8	68	68	21	63	7	76	4	102	
<i>P. cembra</i>	---	8+	72	72	---	---	---	72	3	150	
	+	0	---	86/68	28	---	---	---	---	10	
<i>P. cembroides</i>	+	0	---	86/68	90	21-42	17-37	37	8	194	
	+	0	---	72/68	60	55	28	62	1	172	
<i>P. clausa</i>	---	0	---	68	28	---	---	---	---	10	
	---	8	72	72	30	86	14	90	19	239	
<i>P. contorta</i>	---	8	70	60-65	30	85	20	90	(⁶)	29	
<i>P. contorta</i>	+	8+	86	68	28	---	---	60	3	10, 63	
var. <i>contorta</i>	---	0	---	86/68	50	---	---	80	29	235	
var. <i>latifolia</i>	+	8	86	68	21	73	10	80	10	10, 96	
	+	0	---	83/57	62	---	---	73	9	238	
var. <i>murrayana</i>	---	0	---	83/57	62	---	---	65	12	238	
<i>P. coulteri</i>	+	10	78	78	30	---	---	75	3	63, 122	
	+	8	77	59	28	---	---	---	---	10	
	+	8	86	68	28	---	---	37	7	63, 108	
<i>P. densiflora</i>	---	0	86	68	21	---	---	87	3	103	
	+	0	---	86/68	30	75	15	83	4	238	
	+	0	---	86/68	24-60	54	15	74	20	187	
	+	0	---	75	30	---	---	---	---	10	
<i>P. echinata</i>	---	8+	86	68	28	---	---	90	139	239	
	---	8	72	72	28	88	14	90	148	159, 239	
<i>P. edulis</i>	+	8	72	72	27	81	10	90	---	108	
	+	0	86	68	28	---	---	---	---	204	
<i>P. elliotii</i>	+	0	---	90/70	16	80	7	96	4	---	
var. <i>densa</i>	---	8+	72	72	32	30-79	7-11	32-82	30	239	
var. <i>elliottii</i>	---	16	72	72	28	86	7	87	28	22	
	---	8+	86	68	28	---	---	---	---	10	
	---	16	72	72	26	80	10	89	392	87	
<i>P. engelmannii</i>	+	16	72	72	26	75	9	84	83	239	
<i>P. flexilis</i>	---	0	---	90/70	16	70	4	88	4	92	
	+	0	86	68	21	---	---	---	---	10	
	+	8	86	68	21	---	---	---	---	108	
	+	8	72	72	30	69	14	42	1	239	
<i>P. gerardiana</i>	+	8	86	68	27	---	---	---	---	193	
	+	0	---	70	30-60	---	---	47	2	187	

<i>P. glabra</i>	+	8	TB, P	86	68	16	85	13	98	25	96
	+	16	s + v	72	72	30	46	30	98	30	98
	-	16	s + v	72	68	28					13
<i>P. halepensis</i>	-	0	TB, P		68-71	30	50-66	20	79	5	187
	-	0	TB, P		64-66	30	65-80	16-20	89	12	155, 156
	-	0	TB, P	86	68	28					94
<i>P. heldreichii</i>	+	8	TB, P	86	68	40			72	14	187
	+	8	TB, P	86	68	40			69	1	10, 96, 102
	-	8	TB	86 or 68	68	21	82	14	86	1	10
<i>P. insularis</i>	+	8	TB, P, s	72-78	68	21			99	1	122
<i>P. jeffreyi</i>	+	24	P		86/68	30	95	5	79	5	63
	+	0	v		86/68	60	14	25	18	1	238
	+	0	s	77	77	28			85-95	4	8, 9
<i>P. koraiensis</i>	+	8+	P		86/68	28			59	5	63
	+	0	s, P		86/68	28			55	1	122
<i>P. lambertiana</i>	+	24	v	72-78		30	49	21			
	+	0	s, P								
<i>P. leiophylla</i> var. <i>chihuahuana</i>	-	0	pl		75	22	60	6	70	3	92
<i>P. merkusii</i>	-	8	TB	86	68	21			59	1	96
	-	8	TB	68	68	21			67	1	102
	-	24	TB	75		21-35	39-50	7	86-90	2	247
<i>P. monophylla</i>	+	0	pl		86/68	28					10
<i>P. monticola</i>	+	8	P, s	72	72	71	39	11	44	11	239
	+	8	s + pl	86	68	14					10
<i>P. mugo</i>	-	0	P, TB		86/68	30	25	10	45	30	93
	-	0	TB	86	68	20	76	10	80	30	93
	-	0	TB		68	35					108
<i>P. muricata</i>	-	0	v	86	68	28			38	5	63
	+	24	P	72-78		30	70	7	85	1	122
	+	8	TB, P		68	14			92	49	10, 93
<i>P. nigra</i>	-	0	TB	86	68	21			86	49	
<i>P. palustris</i>	-	16	P		86/68	30	90	10	95	100	10
	-	16	s + v	72	72	30					236
<i>P. parviflora</i>	-	0	P	72/64		10-14	71	35			10
	+	8	s	86	68	28					8, 108
	+	8+	TB	77	77	28			80	1	9
	+	0	s		68-86	28					108
<i>P. peuce</i>	+	0	TB		68-71	30			69	4	187
	-	8	TB	68	68	35					108
<i>P. pinaster</i>	+	8	P, TB	68	68	28	41	7	79	8	96, 102
	+	0	TB		68	30	70	20	83	5	195
	+	0	s		68	28					108
<i>P. pinea</i>	+	8	TB	68	68	21	30	7	81	4	96, 102
	+	0	TB		64	22	88	14	98	3	151
	-	0	pl		75	20	52	10	75	8	191
<i>P. ponderosa</i>	-	8	TB	86	68	21			67		108
var. <i>arizonica</i>	+	8+	TB	86		21			100	63	
var. <i>ponderosa</i>	+	0	s, pe		85/65	30-60	14-87	7-29	59	186	235
	-	16	K	72	72	30	84	11	86	4	21
var. <i>scopulorum</i>	-	0	s		68-86	30-60	50	19	64	40	238
	+	8+	TB	77	77	30			77	9	8
<i>P. pumila</i>	+	0	s + pe		70-85/70-75	45-60			55	3	3
<i>P. pungens</i>	-	0	s, pe		75	40			65	9	235
	+	24	TB	72-78		30	46	9	69	1	122

TABLE 8.—*Pinus: germination test conditions and results—Continued*

Species	Germination test conditions				Germinative energy		Germinative capacity		Data source	
	Pre-treatment ¹	Daily light period	Temperature ²		Dura-tion	Amount	Period	Average		Samples
			Medium ²	Light							Dark	Days	Percent	Number
Hours	°F.	°F.	Days	Percent	Days	Percent	Number			
<i>P. radiata</i>	+	8	86	TB	28	16	7	81	108	
	—	8+	68	P	25	67	7	15	96, 102	
	—	8+	86	v	28	69	10	23	63	
<i>P. resinosa</i>	—	0	86/68	TB, P	14	25-75	7-25	75	10, 93	
	—	0	86/68	s	30	77	10	86	238	
<i>P. rigida</i>	+	8	86	TB, P	14	24	10	47	10, 93	
	—	0	86/68	TB	30	60	18	70	238	
<i>P. roxburghii</i>	—	0	86	TB	30	79	10	83	187	
	—	0	72	s	30	76	10	135	207	
<i>P. sabiniana</i>	+	24	72-78	TB	30	90	10	13	122	
	—	8	72	s + pl	30	73	10	7	122	
<i>P. serotina</i>	+	0	68-86	s	60	40	10	7	239	
<i>P. sibirica</i>	—	0	68-71	TB	60+	94	10	4	238	
<i>P. strobiformis</i>	—	0	86/68	TB	35	39	10	8	187	
	—	0	75	pl	46	39	10	31	7	
<i>P. strobus</i>	+	8+	86	TB, P	21	33	8	100	191	
	+	8+	86	K	40	78	10	20	10	
	+	8+	72	K	40	46	10	93	79	
<i>P. sylvestris</i>	—	8	86	TB, P	14	78	10	81	80	
	—	8	86/68	TB	30	59	10	99	10, 93	
	—	24	72-77	s	50	18-99	14	89-100	93	
	—	8	68	TB	30	18-99	14	21-99	212	
<i>P. taeda</i>	—	8+	86	TB, P	28	90	17	90	116	
	—	16	72	s + pl	30	50	10	75	10	
<i>P. thunbergiana</i>	—	8+	86	TB, P	21	69	10	76	239	
	—	8+	75	TB	30	69	10	19	10, 93	
<i>P. torreyana</i>	+	0	77/70	TB	28	85	10	85	103	
<i>P. virginiana</i>	+	0	80/65	s, pe	60	81	10	21	177	
	—	8+	86	TB	21	87	10	90	235	
	—	8+	72	K	28	65	10	29	10	
	—	0	86	s, pe	30	65	10	5	239	
<i>P. wallichiana</i>	—	8+	86	TB, P	18	44	20	64	235	
	—	0	76/70	TB	60	44	20	12	10	

¹ + : pretreatment was used; usually cold stratification.

— : no pretreatment.

² The symbols for the various media are as follows:

TB : seeds are germinated on top of one or more layers of an absorbent paper (blotters).

B : seeds are germinated between blotters.

P : covered petri dish with an absorbent medium.

v : vermiculite.

s : sand or soil.

pl : perlite.

pe : peat.

K : Kimpak.

³ When alternating temperatures are used, the higher is for 8 hours and the lower is for 16 hours. The daily light period usually coincides with the period of higher temperature.

⁴ Seeds from old cones.

age of the seed. The viability estimates often are much higher than the germination capacities obtained from germination tests (223) (Chapter 7).

Nursery and field practice.—Pines are successfully nursery grown in most parts of the United States and in virtually all soil types. The soil should be fertile, and of good drainage and aeration. In most large nurseries the soil is fumigated in the fall or spring before sowing to control soil-borne diseases, insects, nematodes, and weed seeds. Nursery practices are summarized for 35 species and varieties in table 9.

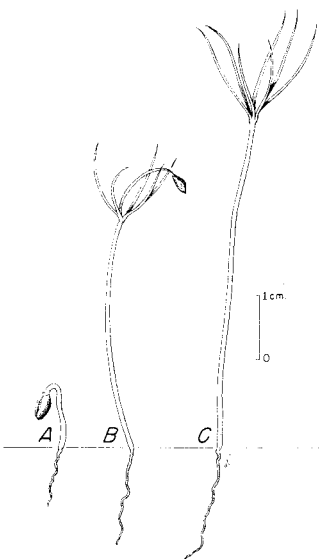


FIGURE 4.—*Pinus resinosa*, red pine: seedling development at 1, 7, and 30 days after germination.

In temperate regions, pine seeds can be sown in the fall or spring. It is now common practice to spring-sow nondormant seeds. Dormant seeds too may be spring-sown, but they must be pretreated. Some nurseries pretreat dormant seeds of all species in the same manner; however, this is not to be recommended. The pregermination treatment used on each species seed lot should be that which achieves best germination for that lot. Seeds with embryo dormancy can be sown in fall without a pretreatment. Compared to seedlings produced by spring-sown seeds, those from fall-sown seeds are commonly larger and better developed after one season. With fall-sown seeds, however, sowing must be late enough to avoid fall germination, so that seedlings are not subject to winter freeze damage and mortality. Fall-sown beds also are more subject to losses from rodent damage.

The seeds can be either drill-sown or broadcast by hand or machine, but most large nurseries drill-sow in beds because it is more economical. The amount of seed sown per unit area and the sowing density vary with the species, seed size and germination capacity, and the desired density. The stock density influences the vigor and size of the seedlings and transplants produced. The stock density will depend on the species, the length of time seedlings will remain in the nursery bed, and whether they will be transplanted.

Seeds are sown at densities selected to produce from 15 to 75 seedlings per square foot. Higher tree survival factors are obtained when medium-to-low sowing densities are used. Most nurseries sow seeds at a slightly higher density if the seedlings are to be placed in transplant beds for one or more years. A lesser density is desired for 2-0 than 1-0 seedlings. Depending on the species, seed lot, and nursery, sowing densities range from 2 to 20 ounces of seed per 100 square feet of bed. One northwestern nursery drill-sows *P. monticola* at 35 seeds per lineal foot in rows spaced 3.5 inches apart to obtain a density of 120 seedling per square foot for 2-0 seedlings (243). A second western nursery drill-sows *P. monticola* at 18 seeds per lineal foot with 6 inches between rows to obtain a density of 35 seedlings per square foot for its 2-0 seedlings (246). Ultimately, then, experience determines the correct sowing density for a given species and nursery for a particular planting situation. Average nursery germination has ranged from 20 to 85 percent of the germination capacities found in laboratory tests. Of the seeds that germinate, as little as 19 and as much as 90 percent produce useable seedlings; the average has been about 55 percent.

At the time of sowing, seeds are drilled or pressed firmly into the soil, then uniformly covered with $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch soil, sand, or mulch. Fall-sown seeds should be placed slightly deeper than spring-sown seeds to protect them from wind erosion and frost action. Large-seeded species, as *P. albicaulis*, *P. lambertiana*, and *P. monophylla*, are covered to a depth of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Smaller seeds require the least covering. The southern pines, *P. echinata*, *P. elliotii*, *P. palustris*, *P. taeda*, and *P. virginiana*, are pressed into the soil surface and covered with burlap or chopped pine straw. Such materials protect the seeds from birds or displacement by rain and help maintain soil moisture. *Pinus contorta* (var. *contorta* and var. *latifolia*), *P. densiflora*, and *P. thunbergiana* are sown $\frac{1}{8}$ inch deep; *P. banksiana*, *P. canariensis*, *P. edulis*, and *P.*

TABLE 9.—*Pinus: nursery practice*

Species	Presowing stratification period ¹ Days	Season for sowing	Seedlings per square foot	Sowing depth Inch	Mulch		Tree percent	Out-planting age Years	Data source
					Type	Depth Inch			
<i>P. attenuata</i>	60	spring	25	3/4	none	80	1-0	246	
<i>P. banksiana</i>	0	fall or spring	30	1/4	do	50-60	1/2-1 1/2, 1-0, 2-0, 1-1, 1-2	213, 221	
<i>P. canadensis</i>	0	spring	---	1/4	sponge rock	35-50	1-0, 2-0, 1/2-1 1/2	77, 122, 152	
<i>P. clausa</i>	0	do	---	1/4-1/2	none	70	1-0	29	
<i>P. contorta</i>									
var. <i>contorta</i>	28	do	30	1/8	do	48	1-0	63	
var. <i>latifolia</i>	28-35	do	48	1/8	sawdust	60	2-0	245	
var. <i>murrayana</i>	30-60	do	25-60	3/8	peat moss ²	70-75	1-0, 2-0	246	
<i>P. coulteri</i>	60	do	25	1/2	none	80	1-0	246	
<i>P. densiflora</i>	0	do	50	1/8-1/4	sand, sawdust	---	2-0, 3-0, 1-1	264, 222	
<i>P. echinata</i>	15-60	do	40	pressed ²	pine straw	60	1-0	159	
<i>P. edulis</i>	60	do	30	1/4	sawdust	80	2-0	20	
<i>P. elliotii</i>									
var. <i>densa</i>	0	do	35	pressed ²	pine straw	80	1-0	24	
var. <i>elliottii</i>	0	do	30-35	pressed ²	sawdust or pine straw	58-74	1-0	87	
<i>P. insularis</i>	0	do	30	3/8	none	50	1-0	38, 250, 251	
<i>P. jeffreyi</i>	28-60	do	25-30	1/4-3/8	do	58-80	1-0, 2-0	63, 246	
<i>P. lambertiana</i>	90	do	30-35	3/8-1 1/2	do	21-80	1-0, 2-0	63, 246	
<i>P. monophylla</i>	90	do	25-30	1/2	sawdust	33	2-0	247	
<i>P. monticola</i>	42-90	do	35-120	1/4-3/8	sawdust	32-90	2-0, 3-0	243, 246	
<i>P. mugo</i>	40-50	do	50	3/8	do ³	55	3-0	43	
<i>P. muricata</i>	28-40	do	30-75	1/8-3/4	peat moss	37-60	1-0	43, 63	
<i>P. nigra</i>	0	fall	50-60	1/2-3/4	do	60-65	2-0, 2-1, 2-2	43, 221	
<i>P. palustris</i>	35-45	spring	15	pressed ²	pine straw	75	1-0	43, 221	
<i>P. pinaster</i>	0	spring	30	1/4-1/2	---	---	1-0	57, 159	
<i>P. ponderosa</i>									
var. <i>ponderosa</i>	28	do	25-46	1/4-3/8	none	48-80	1-0, 2-0, 1-2, 3-0	11, 245, 246	
var. <i>scopulorum</i>	20-30	do	35-40	1/8-1/4	do	70	2-0	245	
<i>P. pungens</i>	0	fall or spring	50-65	1/2	do	70	1-2, 2-1, 2-2	223	
<i>P. radiata</i>	0	do	20-33	1/4-1/2	straw	19-28	1-0, 2-0	3	
<i>P. resinosa</i>	35-45	spring	25-75	1/8-3/4	peat moss ²	34-70	1-0	43, 63	
<i>P. rigida</i>	0	fall or spring	30-50	1/4-3/8	none	65-80	2-0, 3-0, 2-1, 2-2	213, 221	
<i>P. roxburghii</i>	0	spring	30-35	pressed ²	sand	---	2-0	52	
<i>P. strobus</i>	0	do	20-50	1/8-1/2	do	30-35	1-1, 2-1	129, 233	
	0	fall	30-60	pressed ²	sawdust or wood fiber	55-85	2-0, 3-0, 2-1, 2-2	80, 221	
	0	fall	30-60	or 3/8	peat moss ²	25-70	1-0, 2-0, 2-1, 2-2	63, 221	
<i>P. sylvestris</i>	0	fall	30-60	1/8-1/2	do	---	---	---	
<i>P. taeda</i>	2-60	spring	40	pressed ²	pine straw	60	1-0	211, 234	
<i>P. thunbergiana</i>	30-60	spring	50-100	1/8	straw and burlap (winter)	31	2-0, 1-1	99, 145	
<i>P. virginiana</i>	0	fall or spring	30-35	pressed ²	pine needles, sand	63-90	1-0, 2-0	224, 271	
	14	spring	or 1/4	or 1/4	or sawdust	---	---	---	
<i>P. wallichiana</i>	0	fall	broadcast	1/2	none	46	1-1, 1-1-1	99, 233	
	15-20	spring	---	---	---	---	---	---	

¹ Stratification in a moist medium at 33° to 41° F.

² Seeds were pressed into the soil surface making the sowing depth approximately equal to the diameter of the seed.

³ Mulch not always used.

monticola are commonly sown $\frac{1}{4}$ inch deep. Care should be taken not to sow the seed too deep.

Germination is complete for most species from 10 to 50 days after spring sowing. But some lots of dormant seed species, even after pregermination treatment, may continue to germinate several months to a year after sowing; e.g., *P. albicaulis*, *P. cembra*, *P. peuce*, and *P. strobiformis* (122).

In most nurseries, fungicides are used to control damping-off, and sprays are used during the season to control insects and other diseases. In southern nurseries the fusiform rusts on *P. taeda* and *P. elliotii* and brown spot on *P. palustris*, and in Lake States nurseries the sweetfern blister rust on *P. banksiana*, *P. sylvestris*, and *P. ponderosa* are controlled by repeated applications of fungicides.

Generally, transplants or older age classes are recommended for difficult sites. In the Lake States and Prairie Plains, for example, *P. banksiana* is grown as 1-0 or 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -0 stock for easy to average sites, 1-1 or 2-0 for difficult sites, and 2-1, 1-2, or 2-2 for windbreaks. Most of the white pines are grown as 2-0 and 3-0 or as transplants 2-1 and 2-2. In specialized nurseries, pines are routinely grown as container plants. Either young seedlings or seeds are planted directly in containers with a soil mix. Depending on the nursery, partial shade is provided during the germination and seedling establishment phases. Normally, container-grown pines are cultured 1 to 5 years before outplanting. Care must be taken not to grow pines in too small a container for too long a time since they will become container-bound or rootbound.

Methods of mulching, watering, shading, pest control, lifting, and other nursery operations have been described in several regional handbooks (95, 107, 221, 223, 254). Each one contains much useful information on nursery production of pine seedlings.

All pine species can be vegetatively propagated either by rooting or grafting (122, 178, 231). However, rooting success for most species decreases rapidly when scions are taken from trees older than 5 years. *Pinus radiata*, *P. attenuata*, *P. densiflora*, and *P. thunbergiana* are relatively easy to root. But only *P. radiata* is extensively propagated by rooting cuttings under nursery and greenhouse conditions (230). Selected trees of many other species are cloned by rooting of cuttings. Grafting also is routinely used to propagate rare material or to clone individual plants, as in seed orchard programs designed to produce genetically improved forest tree seed (122).

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