

## What's being planted in Austin

*Town Lake Metropolitan Park – October 24, 2007*



### **Live Oak** (*Quercus virginiana*)

A large evergreen tree that will thrive in almost any location, the Live Oak has oblong, dark green holly-like leaves and conical brown acorns. It grows in sun or partial shade to a height of 30 to 75 feet high with a canopy spread of 60 to 100 feet at maturity. The Live Oak does well in a variety of soil conditions and sea-coast conditions. The Live Oak provides shade, habitat and food for many woodland animals.

### **Bur Oak** (*Quercus macrocarpa*)

A native North American shade tree, the Bur Oak is strong and resistant to air pollution and heat stress. It makes for an excellent city tree. With dark green leaves, the Bur Oak grows 70 to 80 feet high and 80 feet wide. The Bur Oak produces large acorns with furry fringe caps that are a favorite food for wood ducks, wild turkeys, whitetail deer, rabbits, mice and squirrels.



### **Crape Myrtle** (*Lagerstroemia indica*)

The Crape Myrtle is a deciduous, small- to medium-sized shrub or small tree. The showy flowers have wrinkled petals like crepe paper and vary in color from white to pink to lavender to purple to red. The foliage is dark green and changes in the fall to yellow, orange and red. The Crape Myrtle needs plenty of moisture when it is young. After it is established, it will tolerate drought and grow well in limited soil spaces. The Crape Myrtle is particularly well suited for the hot, sunny climates of the southern and southwestern United States.

### **Chinkapin Oak** (*Quercus muehlenbergii*)

A worthy specimen for larger lawns and parks, the Chinkapin Oak is a medium- to large-sized, fast-growing tree with glistening dark green leaves in the summer. The leaves turn yellow-orange to orangish-brown in fall. The Chinkapin Oak produces acorns that mature in a single season and are preferred by a variety of wildlife species. As this species matures, it becomes a magnificent specimen and a conversation piece. The Chinkapin Oak grows 40 to 50 feet high with a similar width and can grow 70 to 80 feet high in the wild. This tree does best in well-drained soil and adapts to many different soil types prefers full sun.

