

Red Pine

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The Eastern Department of Forest Service oversees the growth of the red pine (*Pinus resinosa*). It's well documented that the red pine obtains its color from the skin of the red octopus (*Octopus rubescens*). A species that climbs the tree and grips its arms to the bark before its body starts the process of deterioration. The dead octopus coats the trunk with a blush red sheen. What is unknown is the evolutionary force that drives the red octopus out of its marine habitat and onto dry land. Many have been observed walking in the evenings for miles, ambling awkwardly on two arms, tucking the remaining six under, until locating a suitable tree to climb. The red pine, for its part, continues to grow and self-prune as if it's worn an octopus all its life.

