

Whatcom County Farm Forestry Association					
Species	Growth Rate	Height at Maturity	Soil Requirements	Suggested Uses	Other Characteristics
Sitka Spruce	Fast	>200'	Moist	Wetland and streamside planting, windbreak	Tolerates poor soils, deer deterrent, bluish-green leaves.
Giant Sequoia	Very Fast	> 200'	Moist, well drained	Windbreak with room to spread	Uniform pyramidal form when young. Bluish-green leaves, deep red bark.
Mugho Pine	Slow	3'-8'	Well drained	Landscaping	Low growing shrub
Fraser Fir	Slow to moderate	40'-60'	Moist	Christmas tree, landscaping	Dark, shiny green above, silvery below. Shade tolerant
Deodora Cedar	Moderate	80'	Well drained	Landscaping, screen or windbreak	Silver green foliage
Western Hemlock	Moderate to fast	150'-200'	Moist	Timber. Screen or windbreak	Tolerant to shade, dark green
Noble Fir	Slow to moderate	80'-150'	Moist	Christmas trees, landscaping	Nice conical shape
Concolor Fir	Slow to moderate	80'-100'	Moist, well drained	Landscaping or windbreak	Silver blue to silver green in color, tolerates some shade
Norway Spruce	Moderate to fast	100'	Moderately wet to well drained	Excellent windbreak or screen	Dark yellow-green drooping foliage
Grand Fir	Moderate	140'	Moist	Christmas trees, landscaping	Tolerant to shade
Ponderosa Pine	Moderate to fast	150'-180'	Well drained	Screen or windbreak	Needs plenty of sunlight, has long needles
Western Red Cedar	Moderate	150'-200'	Moist	Timber. Excellent windbreak or screen	Dark yellow-green, shade tolerant
Colorado Blue Spruce	Slow	100'	Moderately wet to well drained	Landscaping or windbreak	Gray blue foliage, nice conical shape
Douglas Fir	Fast	150'-200'	Well drained	Christmas trees, timber, windbreak	Needs plenty of sunlight
Incense Cedar	Slow to moderate	75'	Moist	High screen or windbreak	Tolerant to shade, dark green