



WHATCOM COUNTY FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

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Conifer Species	Growth Rate	Height at 30 Years	Soil Type Preference	Suggested Uses	Other Characteristics
Colorado Blue Spruce	Slow	30'	Moderately wet to well drained	Landscaping or screens	Blue-green foliage, nice conical shape
Deodar Cedar	Moderate	40'	Well drained	Landscaping or screen	Silver green drooping foliage
Douglas fir	Fast	85'	Well drained	Timber, Christmas trees or windbreak	Needs plenty of sunlight, shade intolerant
Fraser Fir	Slow to moderate	35'	Moist	Christmas trees or landscaping	Shade tolerant, needles dark, shiny green above, silvery below.
Giant Sequoia	Fast	70'	Moist, well drained	Windbreak or screen with room to spread	Uniform pyramidal form when young. Green foliage, deep red bark.
Grand Fir	Moderate to fast	70'	Moist	Timber, Christmas trees or windbreaks	Shade tolerant, flat needles, fragrant scent
Incense Cedar	Slow to moderate	35'	Moist	Screen, windbreak or landscaping	Shade tolerant, dark green, tall narrow tree
Japanese Larch	Slow to moderate	40'	Moist to well drained.	Ornamental or landscaping	Light green needles turning bright yellow in fall before dropping off
Noble Fir	Moderate	60'	Moist	Excellent Christmas trees or landscaping	Conical shape, even whorls, blue-green needles
Norway Spruce	Moderate to fast	70'	Moderately wet to well drained	Excellent windbreak or screen	Dark yellow-green drooping foliage
Ponderosa Pine	Moderate to fast	70'	Well drained	Landscaping or screens	Needs plenty of sunlight, has long needles
Shore Pine	Moderate	25'	Well drained to moderately wet	Wetlands-shorelines, screens or landscape	Uneven shape, shade intolerant
Sitka Spruce	Fast	60'	Moist to wet, cool	Wetland and stream-side planting or windbreak	Shade tolerant, deer deterrent, bluish-green sharp needles
Western Hemlock	Moderate to fast	70'	Moist	Timber, screen or windbreak	Shade tolerant, short green needles
Western Red Cedar	Moderate	60'	Moist to wet	Timber, excellent windbreak or screen	Shade tolerant, dark yellow-green foliage