



# WHATCOM COUNTY FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

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Conifer Species	Growth Rate	Height at 30 Years	Soil Type Preference	Suggested Uses	Other Characteristics
<b>Colorado Blue Spruce</b>	Slow	30'	Moderately wet to well drained	Landscaping or screens	Blue-green foliage, nice conical shape
<b>Deodar Cedar</b>	Moderate	40'	Well drained	Landscaping or screen	Silver green drooping foliage
<b>Douglas fir</b>	Fast	85'	Well drained	Timber, Christmas trees or windbreak	Needs plenty of sunlight, shade intolerant
<b>Fraser Fir</b>	Slow to moderate	35'	Moist	Christmas trees or landscaping	Shade tolerant, needles dark, shiny green above, silvery below.
<b>Giant Sequoia</b>	Fast	70'	Moist, well drained	Windbreak or screen with room to spread	Uniform pyramidal form when young. Green foliage, deep red bark.
<b>Grand Fir</b>	Moderate to fast	70'	Moist	Timber, Christmas trees or windbreaks	Shade tolerant, flat needles, fragrant scent
<b>Incense Cedar</b>	Slow to moderate	35'	Moist	Screen, windbreak or landscaping	Shade tolerant, dark green, tall narrow tree
<b>Japanese Larch</b>	Slow to moderate	40'	Moist to well drained.	Ornamental or landscaping	Light green needles turning bright yellow in fall before dropping off
<b>Mugo Pine</b>	Slow	3 – 6'	Well drained	Landscaping	Low growing shrub
<b>Noble Fir</b>	Moderate	60'	Moist	Excellent Christmas trees or landscaping	Conical shape, even whorls, blue-green needles
<b>Norway Spruce</b>	Moderate to fast	70'	Moderately wet to well drained	Excellent windbreak or screen	Dark yellow-green drooping foliage
<b>Ponderosa Pine</b>	Moderate to fast	70'	Well drained	Landscaping or screens	Needs plenty of sunlight, has long needles
<b>Shore Pine</b>	Moderate	25'	Well drained to moderately wet	Wetlands-shorelines, screens or landscape	Uneven shape, shade intolerant
<b>Sitka Spruce</b>	Fast	60'	Moist to wet, cool	Wetland and stream-side planting or windbreak	Shade tolerant, deer deterrent, bluish-green sharp needles
<b>Western Hemlock</b>	Moderate to fast	70'	Moist	Timber, screen or windbreak	Shade tolerant, short green needles
<b>Western Red Cedar</b>	Moderate	60'	Moist to wet	Timber, excellent windbreak or screen	Shade tolerant, dark yellow-green foliage