

White Fir



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Dear Member:

Thank you for your contribution to the Arbor Day Foundation and sharing our mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

Your free trees are my way of saying thanks. They have arrived in a bundle. A leaf identification key is on the back of this letter to help you identify each individual tree after you have unbundled them. Complete planting and transplanting instructions are in the enclosed *Tree Planting Guide*. You may contact Member Services if you have any questions about your trees. More complete information about each tree can be found in *The Tree Book* or in the online Tree Guide at **arborday.org**.

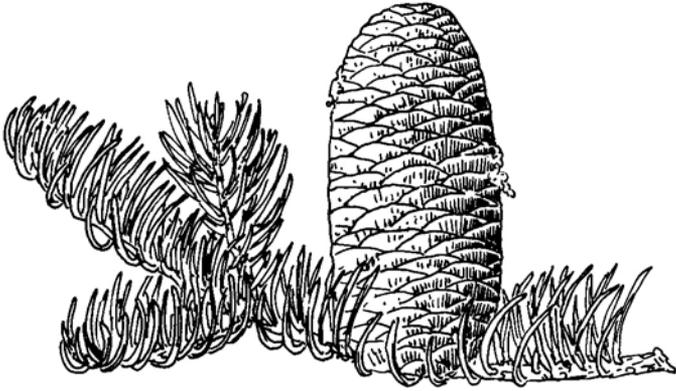
We want your tree planting experience to be successful. These trees are guaranteed to grow. If they don't, send your name and address and member number, if available, to the above address, and the entire packet of trees will be replaced free. Please enclose \$3.50 for shipping and handling and tell us which package of trees needs to be replaced. You may reach us by calling the toll-free number for Member Services, 1-888-448-7337, or e-mail us at **info@arborday.org**.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Allgood".

Cynthia A. Allgood
Director of Procurement

Leaf Identification



White Fir
(*Abies concolor*)

White fir in cultivation commonly reaches about 30-.50' with a 15-30' spread. In the forest the height may reach up to 150'. It has a rather formal, conical appearance when young, becoming more elongated and dome-shaped with age. Branches extend to the ground. The soft, blunt tipped needles vary from bluish to silvery-green. The 3-6" long cones are formed about 40 years of age with crops every 2-5 years. The seeds are eaten by birds, squirrels, and rodents; deer, elk, bighorn sheep, grouse, and rodents browse the foliage; porcupines gnaw the bark. White fir provides nesting sites and cover for birds and large and small mammals.

White fir will tolerate a wide variety of growing conditions. It prefers full sun, moist, acidic, well-drained soil, but grows in light shade, moderate drought, and alkaline soil. Plant 12-14' apart for a windbreak. This native evergreen has a slow to medium growth rate with a 50 year lifespan in the landscape and up to 300 years in the forest.