

Douglasfir



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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.

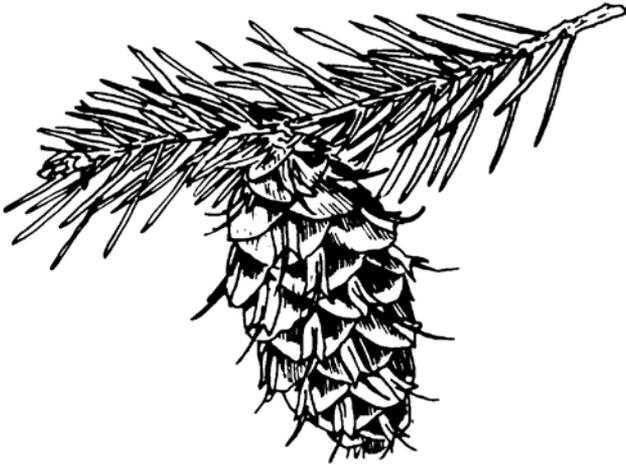
We want your tree planting experience to be successful. These trees are guaranteed to grow. If they don't, send your name and address and member number, if available, to the above address, and the entire packet of trees will be replaced free. Please enclose \$3.50 for shipping and handling and tell us 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



Douglasfir
(*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)

Douglasfir is a large tree at maturity reaching 40-80' with a 12-20' spread in home landscapes and over 130' in the forest. It has a pyramidal form that is denser in youth and becoming more open with age. The short, soft needles are blue-green and remain on the tree for 3-5 years. The 3" long cones are formed at 12-15 years of age with abundant crops occurring at irregular intervals over several years. Cones remain on the trees into winter. Birds, squirrels, chipmunks and other small mammals eat the seeds. Deer and elk graze the foliage.

Douglasfir is tolerant of a wide range of growing conditions including dry, moist, shallow, rocky soils, acidic to slightly basic pH, partial shade to full sun. It prefers an acidic, drier soil and partial shade. It should not be planted on sites exposed to strong wind, especially as a solitary specimen tree. Plant 8-10' apart for a privacy screen. This native tree has a slow growth rate and lives over 200 years in the forest.