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Dear Member,

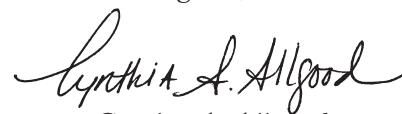
Thank you for contributing to the Arbor Day Foundation and for sharing our mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. Please enjoy these free trees as a sign of my appreciation.

Your trees have arrived in a bundle; please separate them before planting. Included is a guide to help identify your plants and ensure proper planting conditions. Complete planting and transplanting instructions are in the enclosed *Tree Planting Guide*, and more information is available online at [arborday.org/planting](http://arborday.org/planting).

Because we want your planting experience to be successful, your trees are guaranteed to arrive healthy and to grow, or they will be replaced within one year of shipment.

If you need further assistance, please contact Member Services at [info@arborday.org](mailto:info@arborday.org) or 888-448-7337.

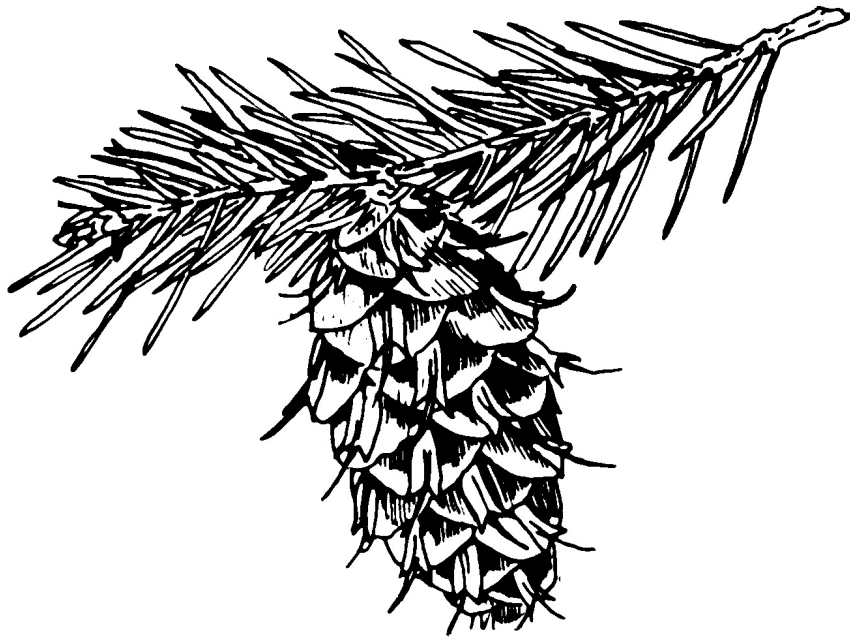
Best regards,



Cynthia A. Allgood  
Procurement

## **DOUGLASFIR** *Pseudotsuga menziesii*

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**Douglasfir** is written as one word or hyphenated to indicate that it is not a true fir. Botanist-explorer David Douglas — this tree's namesake — described it as “one of the most striking and truly graceful objects in nature.” The general public has several reasons to appreciate this tree as well.

It has a pyramidal, denser form in youth, becoming more open with age. The short, blue-green needles remain on the tree for three to five years. At 12-15 years of age, 3" cones are formed 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, while deer and elk graze the foliage.

Douglasfir should not be planted on sites exposed to strong wind, especially as a solitary specimen tree. Plant 8'-10' apart for a privacy screen.

**Number of Trees: 10**

<b>Mature Height</b>	40'–70'
<b>Mature Canopy Spread</b>	12'–20'
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Medium (13"–24" per year)
<b>Sun Preference</b>	Full Sun, Partial Shade
<b>Soil Preference</b>	Acidic, Moist, Well-drained