

Evergreen Tree Selection Guide

S-Slow M-Moderate F-Fast D.O.V-Depends on Variety

Tree	Height	Spread	Form	Growth Rate	Deer Browse Risk	Growth Requirements	Wind Tolerance	Ornamental Attributes/Comments
Concolor/ White Fir <i>Abies concolor</i>	30-50'	15-30'	Pyramidal	S/M	Low/ Moderate	Sun to light shade, dry loose soil, dislikes heavy clay	High	Soft, blue-green foliage Excellent growth habit, Nice citrus scent
Chinese Juniper <i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	D.O.V	D.O.V	D.O.V	M/S	Low	Sun to light shade, Well-drained soil Drought Tolerant	High	Size and shape may depend on the individual cultivar
Eastern Red Cedar <i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	D.O.V	D.O.V	D.O.V	M	Low	Sun to partial shade Very adaptable	High	Size and shape may depend on the individual cultivar
Norway Spruce <i>Picea abies</i>	40-60'	25-30'	Pyramidal	F	Low	Sun to partial shade fairly adaptable to soil types	High	Dark green, pendulous branches when mature
White Spruce <i>Picea glauca</i>	40-60'	10-20'	Pyramidal	M	Low	Sun to partial shade Rich moist soil and adaptable	High	Tolerant to heat, cold, salt and drought. Excellent broad pyramidal shape, short blue-green needles. great for wet areas
Black Hills Spruce <i>Picea glauca var. densata</i>	20-40'	10-20'	Conical	S/M	Low	Sun to partial shade Very drought tolerant and adaptable	High	Compact, dense, conical shape, small blue-green needles. Great for smaller landscape
Serbian Spruce <i>Picea omorika</i>	50-60'	10-20'	Pyramidal	S/M	Low	Sun to semi shade well-drained soil, adaptable	Medium	Two toned blue-green needles, drooping/arched branches, slender
Blue Spruce <i>Picea pungens</i>	30-60'	10-20'	Pyramidal	S	Low	Full sun, well drained soil, drought tolerant	High	Blue foliage, stiff, sharp needles, great for urban sites(w/deer)

Austrian Pine <i>Pinus nigra</i>	50-60'	20-40'	Pyramidal Spreading	M	Low	Sun to light shade, tough, adaptable, salt tolerant	High	Dark, stiff needles, grey black striped bark as ages
Eastern White Pine <i>Pinus strobus</i>	50-70'	20-40'	Spreading	F	Moderate when young	Sun to light shade, tolerate variety of soils	Moderate	Very ornamental, loses its lower limbs with age, nice long stiff needles
Douglas Fir <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	30-70'	12-20'	Pyramidal	M	Moderate High	Sun to partial shade, moist well-drained soil	Low	Blue green needles
Emerald Green Arborvitae <i>Thuja occidentalis Smaragd</i>	10-15'	3-4'	Columnar	S/M	High	Sun to partial shade, moist well-drained soil	Moderate	Small space areas, used for hedges and screens, light green color
Dark American Arborvitae <i>Thuja occidentalis Nigra</i>	20-30'	10-15'	Pyramidal	M	High	Sun to partial shade, moist well-drained soil	Moderate	Used for hedges and screens, single planting, soft light green foliage
Green Giant Arborvitae <i>Thuja plicata Green Giant</i>	30-40'	15-25'	Pyramidal	F	Moderate High	Sun to partial shade, Moist soils but is adaptable, wet areas as well	Moderate	Formal hedges and screens, single planting. Dark green foliage turns slight yellow orange during winter months
Canadian Hemlock <i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	40-60'	20-35'	Pyramidal	M	Moderate	Sun to shade, wet soil but prefers moist well-drained	Low	Short needles, does not do well with drought or wind

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