

# FACT SHEET



## Douglas-Fir

Pinaceae

*Pseudotsuga menziesii*

**Leaf:** Evergreen, single needles that lack woody pegs or suction cups, yellow-green to blue-green, 3/4 to 1 1/4 inches long, tips blunt or slightly rounded, very fragrant.

**Flower:** Monoecious; males oblong, red to yellow, near branch tips; females reddish, with long bracts, occurring near branch tips.

**Cone:** Very distinctive, 3 to 4 inches long with rounded scales. Three-lobed bracts extend beyond the cone scales and resemble mouse posteriors. Maturing in late summer.

**Twig:** Slender and red-brown, with long, sharp, pointed, red-brown buds.

**Bark:** Smooth and gray on young stems, becoming thickened, red-brown with ridges and deep furrows.

**Form:** A pyramidal crown that is somewhat open and self-prunes poorly. Stems are characteristically straight.

