

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.

