

Christmas Tree Selection Guide



	Fraser Fir	Balsam Fir	Canaan Fir	Concolor Fir
Appearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-1 1/2" long short, flat and pliable needle • Very deep, lustrous green with silver-blue stripes on the underside • Needle has rounded tips and is flat in the cross section • Needles stand vertical and crowd on the upper side of twigs • Excellent needle retention and may last up to 4 weeks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-1 1/2" long short, flat and pliable needle • Deep green with white stripes on the underside • Needle has rounded tips and is flat in the cross section • Needles lie flat on the upper sides of twigs • Moderate needle retention and prone to some needle loss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar appearance to Balsam • Dark green to bluish green with silvery bands on the underside of the needles • Good needle retention with the proper care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ¾ -1 ½ inch long needle and are spreading and uncrowded on the branch • Foliage color is lustrous dark green to bluish green with silvery stomatic bands on the underside of the needles • Good needle retention
Texture and Aroma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium texture • Mild, sweet scent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very soft texture • Strong, sweet scent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very soft texture • Strong, sweet scent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleasant scent usually described as citrus-or orange-like
Propagation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefers a moist, well-drained acidic loam, ph 5.5-5.8 • Slow growing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefers acidic, moist to damp soils • Tolerates shade and can grow in a variety of soils • Moderate growth rate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefers moist, cool, well-drained loams and clay • Moderate growth rate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefers moist, well-drained soils • Moderate growth rate
Special Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most popular Christmas tree in Ontario and Western Canada • Sturdy branches provide great support for moderately heavy ornaments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very popular tree in Eastern Ontario • Branches provide adequate support for moderately heavy ornaments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to grow in areas not well suited to other native firs • Later bud break than Balsam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More adaptable than most firs with higher heat and drought tolerance