

Christmas Tree Selection Guide



	Scotch Pine	White Pine	Colorado Spruce	White Spruce
Appearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3" long with a stiff twisted needle • Colour varies from yellow green to blue-green • Superior needle retention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-5" long with a soft and flexible needle • Colour is blue-green • Excellent needle retention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-1 1/2 needle that is stiff and very sharp-pointed; spreading out all around the twig • Bluish-green colour • Best needle retention amongst the spruces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-1 1/2" needle that are short and stiff • Needles are pointed at tips with a medium green, waxy coating • Not a durable tree, prone to some needle loss if not properly cared for
Texture and Aroma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium texture • Mild scent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very soft texture • Distinct scent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stiff and prickly texture • Strong, fresh scent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium texture • Mild scent
Propagation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tolerates all varieties but grows best on well-drained clays and loams • Very low shade tolerance • Maybe prone to pine scale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tolerates different moisture levels, grows in any soil type but prefers moist sand/sandy-loam • Prone to blister rust, tip weevil and deer browsing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefers moist, well-drained soils • Full to partial sun • Prefers a soil pH between 6.0-7.5 • More drought tolerant than other spruces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very hardy tree, grows in almost any soil type • Will tolerate cold exposed areas, droughts and heat
Special Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old fashioned variety • Provides adequate support for ornaments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popular in Western Canada • Flexible branches do not support heavy ornaments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attractive bluish-gray color • Sturdy branches and great needle retention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popular spruce variety for Christmas tree • Sturdy branches provide adequate support for heavy ornaments