

Douglas Fir

Pseudotsuga menziesii var. *glauca*

Distribution: Douglas Fir is found in mountain areas of northeastern and eastern Washington and throughout the Rocky Mountains, at elevations up to 8,000 feet.

Growth: Douglas Fir can reach 200' high and the trunk can grow up to 4' in diameter.

Adaptability: Douglas Fir is adapted to grow throughout the range described above. It grows on soils that vary from moist to dry. It is not very tolerant of soils that are compacted or poorly drained. Young seedlings and saplings will tolerate some shade but require ample sunlight to reach maturity.

Comments: The importance of Douglas Fir to the region cannot be understated. It is a major component of forests throughout North America, and one of the world's most valuable timber species. Browsing damage caused by deer, elk, and rodents can result in significant damage to young seedlings and saplings and may require appropriate protection.

