

DOUGLAS FIR

PSEUDOTSUGA MENZIESII



ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S MOST ELEGANT CONIFERS, DOUGLAS FIR GROWS FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA SOUTH TO CENTRAL CALIFORNIA, REACHING AS FAR SOUTH AS YOSEMITE IN INLAND AREAS, AND FARTHER SOUTH ALONG THE COAST. WELL KNOWN AS A CHRISTMAS AND TIMBER TREE, IT CAN ALSO BE USED IN GARDENS TO CREATE SHADE OR SCREENING AND ADDS A SWEET-SCENTED, EVERGREEN PRESENCE. GROWING 1-2' PER YEAR, IT WILL SOON FILL A SIZEABLE SPACE AND EVENTUALLY REACHES ABOUT 40-50' TALL IN GARDENS. BEST IN DEEP, MOIST SOILS, IT ADAPTS WELL TO ROCKY SITES AS LONG AS THE SOIL HAS GOOD DRAINAGE. NOT FOR THE DRIEST AREAS, DOUGLAS FIR THRIVES WITH AVERAGE GARDEN MOISTURE OR IN THE VICINITY OF A MOUNTAIN STREAM. IN HOT SUMMER AREAS SUCH AS OURS, PLANT WHERE YOUNG TREES WILL GET AFTERNOON SHADE AND GIVE THEM A THICK LAYER OF MULCH (NOT IN CONTACT WITH THE TRUNK, PLEASE!) TO MIMIC THEIR NATURAL WOODLAND HOME.



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