

DOUGLAS-FIR

Botanical Name:
Pseudotsuga menziesii (Mirb.) Franco

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Douglas-fir is one of the best known wood species in the world. In British Columbia there are two varieties of Douglas-fir, Coastal and Interior. The Coastal variety occurs along the southern mainland Coast and across Vancouver Island, except for the very northern tip. The Interior variety is found throughout southern British Columbia, and as far north as the centre of the province. Douglas-fir is a large tree reaching heights of 85 metres on the Coast, and 42 metres in the Interior. Douglas-fir makes up 8.8% of the provincial growing stock.



COASTAL DOUGLAS-FIR



INTERIOR DOUGLAS-FIR

What is the difference between Coastal and Interior Douglas-fir?

Coastal Douglas-fir is a much bigger tree than Interior Douglas-fir. The timber from the Coastal trees is generally lighter in colour, and more uniform in texture than that of Interior trees. Both have the same wood properties, however, one main difference is that Interior Douglas-fir is less permeable to preservative treatments.