



FACTSHEET 08

Nordman Fir for Christmas Tree Production



SUMMARY:

Cheviot Trees have many years of experience producing superb quality cell grown Christmas tree plants. All of our Christmas tree plants are produced from seed that has been specifically collected from trees that exhibit desirable properties for Christmas tree production. This is a very important consideration as the correct provenance can make all the difference when the production of premium quality trees is the primary objective. Seed that has been collected from 'timber production' trees is unsuitable for Christmas tree production as they typically have a fast rate of growth and fine branching – the opposite of what is required.

We produce many species suitable for Christmas tree production including Fraser fir, Norway spruce, Blue spruce and noble fir, however our most popular species is Nordman fir due to its excellent needle retention qualities when cut and highly desirable shape & colour.

PLANTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE FOLLOWING SEED SOURCES:

AMBROLAURI TLUGI – By far the most known & sold provenance. It is characterised by its very nice shoot structure with an optimal distribution of needles on the shoot. It has a high needle density and soft, wide forward pointing needles. It is a popular choice for the UK due to its late bud flushing habit so should be less prone to frost damage in early spring. Originates from a forest district in the mountains of Georgia.

TVERSTED - A traditional Danish provenance which is thought to originate from Borjomi, Georgia. It has a narrower shape than Ambrolauri as it resembles trees from the Borjomi provenance. A popular choice for planting in the UK as it thought to have a later bud burst – slightly later than Ambrolauri Tlugi which helps to minimise spring frost damage.



Available from Cheviot Trees as a Cell Grown plant

Cell Grown Trees offer so many advantages:

- Root systems are whole & intact. Easy to plant due to the uniform and tidy shape of the cell.
- Flexible Planting season.
- Increased survival rate which virtually eliminates beating up.

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