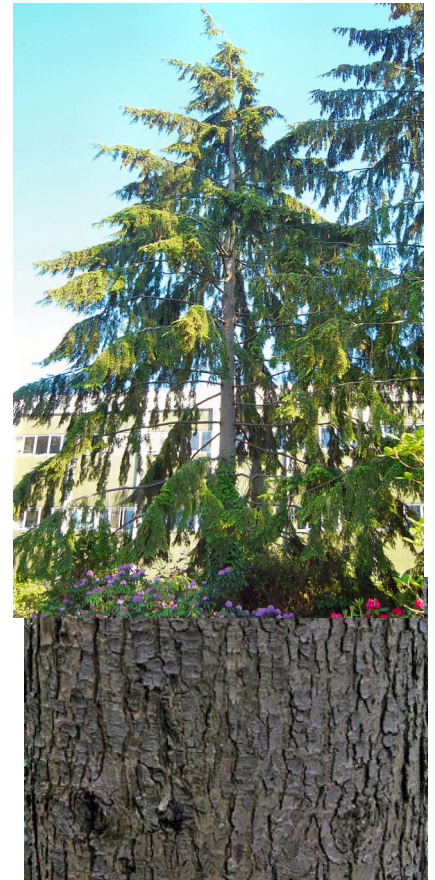




TREES OF WESTERN WA



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Douglas Fir
Pseudotsuga menziesii

Description:

Needles extend outwards, cone has three pronged bracts that droop, thick bark protects against fire, full sun or partial shade, grows in a wide range of habitats, long living. It is strong wood valued in construction.

Western redcedar
Thuja plicata

Description:

Scales rather than needles, a pleasant pungent scent, fibrous bark, resins make it resistant to rot, often present in pioneer, seral, and climax stages of forest succession. Prized by Native Americans for making canoes, totem poles and longhouses.

Western hemlock
Tsuga heterophylla

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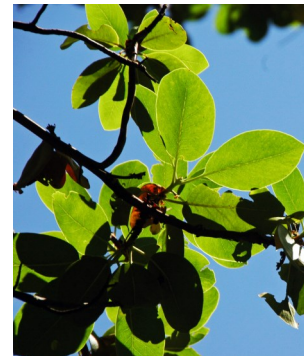
Short, flat and finely toothed needles, small cones > 1", Cone production begins at about 10-20 years of age but peak production occurs after 70-80 years and may continue for several centuries. State tree of WA. Used for medicinal purposes and as a natural dye.



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Bigleaf maple
Acer macrophyllum



Description:

Five lobed leaves, leaves turn yellow in fall before falling off, winged seed pods twirl as they fall, flood tolerant, tolerates sun and shade, more common in early succession. Bark fiber used to make ropes and baskets and dye. Also ground to thicken soups,

Red Alder
Alnus rubra



Description:

Oval shaped serrated leaves, thin speckled bark, flowers are catkins, often first after disturbance because bacteria provide nitrogen, live up to 100 years. Bark fiber used to make ropes and baskets and dye. Also ground to thicken soups.

Pacific madrone
Arbutus menziesii



Description:

An evergreen tree with single or multiple trunks with rounded, spreading crowns. The alternately arranged leaves are oval, thick, and have finely serrated margins. Red berries and bark. The berries provide food and the leaves are used for medicinal purposes.