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# THE FORGOTTEN ONES

## CONIFERS YOU NEED TO KNOW

## PART 1 OF 3

*Conifers have inhabited this earth for the past 300 million years. The tallest tree in the world is a conifer, the Sequoiadendron giganteum, Giant Redwood. Conifers grow all over the world. In British Columbia and Canada they make up the largest portions of our forested regions.*

Following is a selection of some of the lesser known or “forgotten” conifers. They range in shape from weeping, upright, and dwarf to large. They offer an assortment of textures for the landscape from soft to bold and a colour range of yellows, reds, greens and blue. These are just a few of “the forgotten ones”.



**Pinus strobus 'Contorta' (Contorted Eastern White Pine)** Zone 3 - Pyramidal form with unique contorted needles. Soft blue-green needles. 20M/66' tall by 9M/30' wide. Pictured at top right.



**Picea mariana 'Aureovariegata' (Variegated Black Spruce)** Zone 3 - Dense upright growth habit. New growth emerges yellow-gold. Bicolour needles are yellow on top with green undersides. 10.5M/35' tall by 4M/12'. Pictured at top left.



**Picea likiangensis 'Purpurea' (Purple Likiang Spruce)** Zone 4 - Upright broad habit. Violet-purple cones. Bicolour needles are green on top with a blue underside. 9M/30' tall by 5.5M/18' wide. Pictured at right.



**Picea bicolor (Alcock Spruce)** Zone 4 - Upright pyramidal habit. Unique two toned needles have green tops with bright silver-blue undersides. 10.5M/35' tall by 6M/20' wide. Pictured at left.



**Picea abies 'Pendula' (Weeping Norway Spruce)** Zone 3 - Weeping form, dark green foliage. Excellent selection for a narrow accent. Height dependant on staking, 2-2.5M/6-8' wide. Pictured at bottom right.

**Pinus densiflora 'Umbraculifera' (Tanyosho Pine)** Zone 5 - A Table Top Pine held up by a multitude of architectural branches. The dark brown bark flakes with age revealing beautiful orange under colour. It is sheared to maintain a flat top. Can be left un-sheared to have a rounded natural habit. 1.75M/5' tall by 3M/10' wide in 10 years. Pictured at bottom left.



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