

Characteristics of Christmas Trees

90-95% of all trees sold in Ohio*	
Scotch Pine	Frasier Fir
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most popular historically, waning • Needle retention – very good • Fragrance – not very pronounced • Color – dark to medium green 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popularity has increased dramatically • Needle retention – excellent • Fragrance – most aromatic • Color – green top, light green underside
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needles – 1.5-3”, somewhat stiff, twisted • Density of branches – may be open or dense. • Branches are firm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needles – ½-1”, relatively soft • Density of branches – varies, not usually sheared • Branches are strong
Eastern White Pine	Canaan Fir
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second most popular • May be hard to find • Needle retention – very good to excellent • Fragrance – fragrant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becoming more popular • Needle retention – very good • Fragrance – Balsam • Color – blue-green on top, silvery underside
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color – yellow-green to blue-green • Needles – 2-5”, soft and flexible • Density of branches – open or dense. • Branches are pliable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needles – 1-2¼”, soft • Density of branches – quite variable • Branch are relatively stiff
Blue Spruce	Douglas Fir
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing in popularity • Needle retention – good when kept wet • Fragrance – nice aroma • Color – blue-green to silvery white • Needles – ¾-1¼”, quite sharp and stiff • Density of branches – varies • Branches are heavy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very popular • Needle retention – very good • Fragrance – very mild, almost sweet • Color – green to blue-green • Needles – ¾-1¼”, soft • Density of branches – full • Branch – soft and pliable
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a true fir
Concolor Fir	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needle retention – good • Fragrance – pleasing sweet scent • Color – bluish-green • Needles – ½ -1½”, pointed or notched at the top • Density of branches – loosely spaced • Branch – pliable • Also known as White Fir 	

Live Trees – To find a local Christmas Tree Farm go to either: <http://ohiochristmastree.org/> or <https://neochristmastrees.com/>

* Source: Ohio Christmas Tree Association