

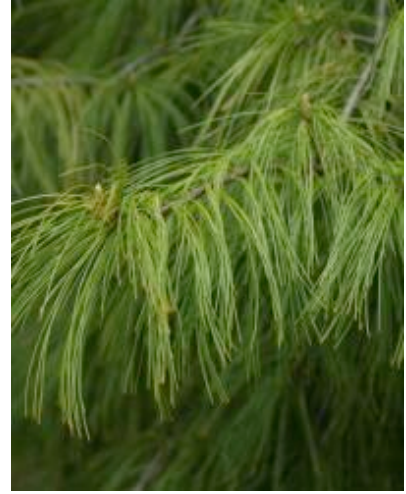
Spruce vs. Fir vs. Pine: How to tell them apart



Spruce



Fir



Pine

Telling the difference among conifers can be tricky. There is a quick way to tell these three common conifers apart.

- ❖ Look for the number of needles that come out of the same spot on a twig.
- ❖ If a twig bears needles in groups of two, three, or five, you can safely call it a pine.
- ❖ If the twig carries its needles singly, it's a good bet you've got a fir or a spruce.
- ❖ Pull off a needle, and roll it between your fingers. If it feels flat and doesn't roll easily, it's a fir. If the needle has four sides and, thus, rolls easily between your fingers, it's a spruce.
- ❖ Flat, friendly fir needles. Sharp, spiny spruce needles.

Read more: www.finegardening.com/fir-vs-spruce-vs-pine-how-tell-them-apart#ixzz3ryDq59zH by Steve Aitken

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