Most evergreens do not tolerate wet/poorly drained soils or heavy shade. Most prefer acidic soils and benefit from soil amendments when planted and regular fertilization with a product such as Holly-Tone®.

**Eastern White Pine**: Popular, affordable selection. Very fast grower: - apx. 18”- 24” per year. Does not like wet areas. Sheds older inner needles in Fall. Mature size: 50’- 75’ tall X 20’ – 40’ wide. (*Also available in “weeping” and “columnar” forms.)*


**Colorado (Blue) Spruce**: Popular choice. Blueness will vary from plant to plant. Slow to medium growth rate. Mature size: 30’-60’ tall X 30’ wide. Susceptible to Bagworm damage. (see Bagworm handout)

**Fat Albert Spruce**: Probably the most popular of the blue spruces for specimen use. Bluer color and smaller size than Colorado blue spruce. Mature size: 15’ tall X 10’ wide. Slow growth -probably less than 12’/yr.


**Bakeri Spruce**: Very good blue/silver color on conical form. 15’-20’ tall X 8’-12’ wide. Slow growth.

**Serbian Spruce**: Variegated bluish-green needle with finer/softer texture than Norway or Colorado spruces. Average mature size: 50’ tall X 20’ wide. *Most shade-tolerant species of the spruces.*