Plants of the Month: March

Douglas Fir

Pseudotsuga menziesii
Evergreen coniferous tree

Look for: Single green needles, 1 inch long, encircle the stem. Soft, flexible.

Cones up to 4 inches. Bracts (shaped like mouse tails) protect the seeds.

Bark thick, rough, and deeply furrowed on mature trees.

How big: up to 300 feet tall (second tallest trees in the world), trunk as wide as 4 to 5 feet. Live 500—1000 years. (Douglas firs have been around since the time of the dinosaurs.)