

Canaan Fir

Abies balsamea var.
phanerolepis

Mature Height: 40'-60'

Mature Spread: 15'-25'

Growth Rate: Moderate

The Canaan Fir is native to the mountain areas of West Virginia and was once thought to be a balsam fir but the current thought is that it is a subspecies of bracted balsam fir.

Although it is a relatively new introduction to the Midwest, it is showing great promise as both an ornamental and windbreak tree. It is more drought and



heat tolerant than other true firs. It has shown more adaptability than the Concolor Fir and transplants easier. It will grow more readily in heavier soils and has shown more tolerance to needlecast and canker than either Concolor or Douglas Fir. If planting in heavier soils, planting on a slope is suggested to help ensure proper water drainage.

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