**Guide to Evergreens**

Evergreens grown by Flori and used for wreaths and garlands by Flori – free aromatherapy for the florist and recipients!

Conifer website if you want to know more about your holiday evergreens or more about trees you grow: https://conifersociety.org/

I have 25-year-old mature evergreen trees that we planted on our property for screening and wildlife habitat – most are native to the region and have great historical significance and medicinal properties to indigenous people including:

1. Douglas Fir *Pseudotsuga Menziesii – Scottish Botanist Douglas discovered it in US.* When needles are crushed they smells like citrus. Bluish green hue.
2. Western Red Cedar – *Thuja Plicata* – not a true cedar in the Cedrus family but in the Cypress family. Plicata comes from the Latin word for plait or braid because of the way the flat foliage is shaped. Leaves when crushed smell like pineapple. Bright green on one side and darker green on the other.
3. Northern White Cedar – *Thuja Occidentalis* – not a true cedar. In the Cypress family aka arborvitaes in horticulture nursery trade. Narrow pyramid shape. Dense foliage. Bright green. Provides shelter to birds.

Not Native:

1. Leyland Cypress – *Cupressus x leylandii* – a natural hybrid of Nootka and Monterey cypresses – parent trees are native to the west coast of US and in Alaska - a large screening tree. It was grown first in Wales by C.J. Leyland when he planted seeds from the two parent trees. Foliage is more of a bluish green. Mildly fragrant
2. Deodor Cedar – long branches with fine needles
3. Japanese White Pine – *Pinus parviflora*

I use this for the large cones.

**From Tosh’s Farm in Snohomish – five acres of foliage grown for wholesale for florists.**

1. Incense Cedar *- Calocedrus decurrens –* Native to west coast of US. I buy it because of the gold pollen cones at the tips…so pretty.

When crushed smells like shoe polish so my advice is not to crush!!

1. Austrian Pine - *Pinus nigra* – long pine needles – not native to US. Nice texture in wreaths. I use as an accent.