

BROCKHOLE ON WINDERMERE

Meet the tree...



Our Christmas Trees are named after the Finnish zoologist Alexander van Nordmann (1803-1866) who was Director of the Odessa Botanical Gardens, Ukraine and was credited for their development at that time. (Never heard of him either!).

The tree has become a popular Christmas tree as it has a good shape, grows well as a crop and doesn't drop its needles quickly when dismembered from its roots and placed indoors for ornamentation. In Europe, it has been widely used for reforestation to deal with expected forest decline due to climate change. The wood is soft, white and is used often for construction purposes and producing paper.

Latin name: *Abies nordmanniana*
(Pinaceae)

Common name: Nordmann/
Caucasian Fir

Natural distribution: North
Turkey, North Iran, Caucas region
and mountains

**Height and spread when
mature:** 40m x 60m in 20 to 50 years

Cultivation: Fully hardy in UK, but
late frosts may damage new growth.
Grow in any fertile, moist but well
drained soil, neutral to slightly acidic in
full sun with some shelter.

Propagation: From seed

Seedlings: Your free seedlings are
welcome to be taken away although
they will grow quickly and to some
size! If you'd prefer, the seedlings can
be donated to our tree suppliers and
placed in a secret location on the banks
of a Lake within the WHS to continue to
grow into healthy, organic, free range
Christmas trees!

Tree recycling: Please return
your unwanted tree to be recycled at
Brockhole by the end of January. All
trees will be chipped and reused as
mulch in the gardens, where they can
reunite with mycorrhiza, faeries and
honey fungus and live
forever in the grand
wheel of life.



Merry Christmas everybody!
Iain Turnbull, Head Gardener



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