

White spruce is among the most important and widely distributed conifers in Canada and northeastern United States. It commonly forms pure stands and is found on a wide variety of sites. It prefers moist, alluvial soils and can be found along stream banks, lakeshores, and surrounding slopes. It is tolerant of shade and is a common component of Northern Hardwood Forest types. Though a medium-sized tree, white spruce is long-lived, often reaching 600 years of age. It is only occasionally planted in Indiana.