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Abies magnifica

[Synonyms : *Abies magnifica* var. *shastensis*]

RED FIR is an evergreen tree. Native to south-western North America (particularly the Sierra Nevada) it has needle-like leaves and barrel-shaped purplish-brown cones.

It is also known as California red fir, *Jedle nádherná* (Czech), and Shasta red fir.

Magnifica is Latin (splendid, magnificent, glorious) meaning ‘magnificent or great’.

The fairly durable reddish-brown wood has been used commercially in the construction of cheap buildings and for packing cases and pulp. Apart from this, this soft wood is used today primarily for pulp and fuel.