



Ambrolauri/Nikortsminda

GEOGRAPHY

The Ambrolauri/Nikortsminda Forest part is one of 10 forest parts in the Ambrolauri Forest district. The forest part borders the Ambrolauri/Tlugi forest part by the Shaori Lake. In the slightly larger perspective, with the proven properties, similar altitude and climate conditions, there is hardly any background for differences of significant nature between Tlugi and Nikortsminda. *Abies nordmanniana* grows in Nikortsminda forest part from the shore of Shaori Lake and up to approx. 1600 m. At the top, the trees often stand in the monoculture, while the lower trees are in groups or even individually among deciduous trees. LEVINSEN harvest cones in compartment 28, which is in an altitude of 1400-1600 meters.

TYPE, SHAPE AND GROWTH

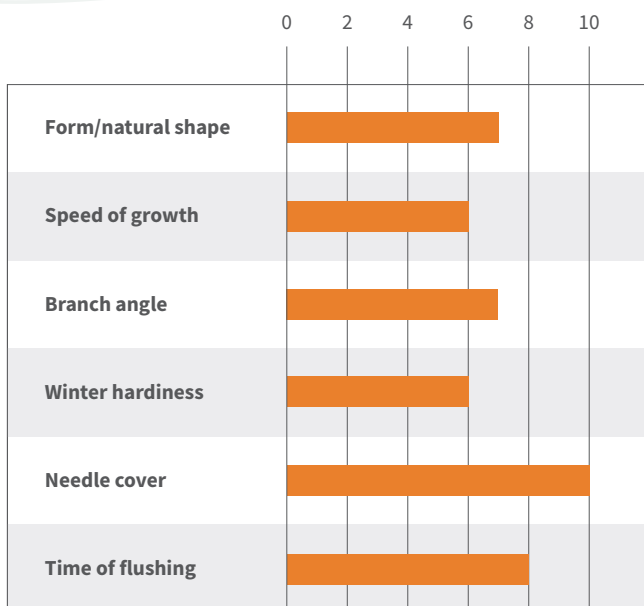
Ambrolauri/Nikortsminda have like Ambrolauri/Tlugi an attractive natural shape and grows at moderate speed. The provenance is characterized by a very nice shoot structure with an optimal distribution of needles on the shoot, high needle density and soft, wide forward pointing needles. Only few individuals of *Abies nordmanniana* thrive over an altitude of 1.600 m, though the forest extends to an altitude of 2.000 m.

RESEARCH AND EXPERIENCE

Documented seed collection from the turn of the century and trialed in several locations has proven this provenance just as suitable for Christmas tree production as its neighboring relative from Ambrolauri/Tlugi. A trial at Clausholm Estate in central Denmark comparing Nikortsminda with other secure provenances, even showed Nikortsminda with a slightly better result than Tlugi and Borjomi/Nedzvi. There is therefore no need to worry about planting the Nikortsminda provenance.

SECURITY OF ORIGIN AND DELIVERY

Forestry activities have diminished the *Abies nordmanniana* trees in the Nikortsminda forest part during the past 10 years. There are still many old growth trees left of which the average height is around 45 m and juvenile trees are closing the gaps. LEVINSEN has a license for harvesting seeds in Nikortsminda, and the harvest only takes place with our presence. The process is controlled by our quality assurance system and is ISO-9001 certified and registered with the Danish control system for *Abies nordmanniana* seed. The seed is also certified organic. With Ambrolauri / Nikortsminda from LEVINSEN you get a fully documented and proven product that will produce a nice offspring.



Ambrolauri/Nikortsminda Forest, Georgia

