

conifers closest to birch trees also seem to have better color and growth than the general conifer population, especially the Douglas-fir.

This observation was shored up by a Canadian researcher/silviculturist that published her work in the journal *Nature* (August 1997). She determined and described actual carbon transfer between birch and Douglas-fir and measured this transfer to

jointed furniture panels, OSB (oriented strand board or waferwood), bowls, solid-wood furniture, flooring, paneling, drums, table/chair legs, stairway spindles and other turnings. Waste management was a problem for some producers, but others either used or sold residues to make various eating utensils (salad tongs,

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