



## Janene Walkky

Douglas Fir Cone and seeds x 1.5, *Pseudotsuga menziesii*

Douglas fir trees are the only conifers with long fringe-like bracts that dangle down from the scales. According to an old legend, a Douglas fir tree offered shelter to a mouse during a forest fire, then the mouse invited his friends to scurry along high up the tree to hide in the cones hanging there...and you can still see them there today. The seeds flutter down like little birds so who knows, maybe there's a whole menagerie hiding in each cone!