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**PLANT
HEALTH CARE
FACTS**

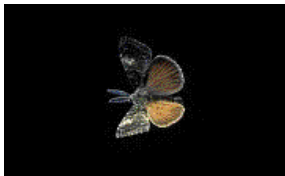
TUSSOCK MOTH

Description: Young caterpillars are black with very long body hairs. The cocoon is brownish gray and covered with hairs from the body larva. Cocoons usually are attached to the foliage, but also may be found on tree trunks, rocks, or other objects.

Host Plants: Spruce and Fir

Damage: Typically appears first in the tops of trees and progresses downward. Trees may turn brown as the bare twigs are exposed. Eventually, causing death of the tree.

Control: Systemic trunk injections, *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt), and other insecticides should be applied when the new foliage first appears.



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