






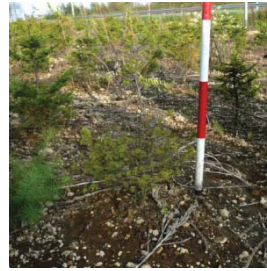


Table 2-7-3: Evaluation of Growth in the Early Nursery Period

Growth rank	Evaluation	Schematic	Photo
<p>Rank 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Growth increase in a year: 15cm or more - Blighted apical or lateral bud on the top?: No - Blighted lateral buds on the upper part?: No - Leaf color: ordinary green to dark green 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Growth is healthy. - Normal maintenance should be conducted. 		
<p>Rank 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Growth increase in a year: Less than 15cm - Blighted apical or lateral bud on the top?: No - Blighted lateral buds on the upper part?: No - Leaf color: Light green 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some factors may be hindering growth. - Countermeasures may be necessary, if the leaf color or amount of leaves do not improve for several years. 		
<p>Rank 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Growth increase in a year: 3 - 5cm - Blighted apical or lateral bud on the top?: Yes - Blighted lateral buds on the upper part?: Yes - New leaves?: Yes - Branch on the upper part of the tree has become a main trunk?: Yes - Leaf color: Light green or light brown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There has been recovery from transplanting damage - Growth has stagnated. - Countermeasures may be necessary, if the leaf color or amount of leaves do not improve. 		
<p>Rank 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Growth increase in a year: 0cm - Blighted apical or lateral bud on the top?: Yes - Blighted lateral buds on the upper part?: No - New leaves?: No - Branch on the upper part of the tree has become a main trunk?: No. - Leaf color: Light green or light brown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blight is regarded as inevitable. In principle, the tree should be replaced. 		
<p>Rank 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blighting - New/old leaves?: No (Deemed a blighted tree if a few old leaves remain.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the tree is deemed to be blighted, it should be replaced. 	