



**Arborvitae, Danica**  
*Thuja occidentalis 'Danica'*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Eastern White Cedar

**Description:**

A truly dwarf globe-shaped evergreen shrub, very slow growing, as small as they come, at least for this species; excellent for garden detail use and for rock gardens; hardy and adaptable, best with adequate sun.

**Ornamental Features**

Arborvitae, Danica is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has emerald green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage remain emerald green throughout the winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Arborvitae, Danica is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub. When pruning is necessary, it is recommended to only trim back the new growth of the current season, other than to remove any dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Arborvitae, Danica is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use

**Planting & Growing**

Arborvitae, Danica will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.



*Arborvitae, Danica*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.

#### Special Attributes

Arborvitae don't do well if they aren't well watered regularly. Evergreens need to be watered during the winter. Our desert climate especially in late winter to early spring evergreens can suffer during next growing season. An easy way to remember check for dryness on the holidays Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, Valentines Day & Easter.