Spruce, Dwarf Alberta

Picea glauca 'Conica'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

Possibly the most popular dwarf evergreen ever, looks like a small, bright green Christmas tree, ideal as a garden accent; incredibly dense needles are very sensitive to low air flow. Plant far enough away from other things to have good air flow & light

Ornamental Features

Spruce, Dwarf Alberta is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has rich green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The needles remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Spruce, Dwarf Alberta is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Spruce, Dwarf Alberta is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use



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Planting & Growing

Spruce, Dwarf Alberta will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

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. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Rating (2): Spruce lose inner needles and they can be blown or raked onto the lawn and mow or bag them. 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. During the growing season is maintain regular deep watering.