Spruce, Mont Tremblant Black

Picea mariana 'Mont Tremblant'



Spruce, Mont Tremblant Black
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Height: 15 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Description:

An artistic, densely-packed and compact selection with short, gray-green needles and upturned branchlets that curve and twist, making it ideal as a focal point in a garden composition; well suited to moist areas and peat

Ornamental Features

Spruce, Mont Tremblant Black is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape for its highly ornamental weeping form. It has attractive grayish green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The small needles are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter.



Spruce, Mont Tremblant Black foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Spruce, Mont Tremblant Black is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a rounded form and gracefully weeping branches. 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Spruce, Mont Tremblant Black is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Spruce, Mont Tremblant Black will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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 quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided, 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.

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

Clean Up Rating (3): Black Hills Spruce Cones are oval shaped, length 1/2 to 1-1/2 inches; young cones purple, mature cones dark brown. Clean up is blow or rake cones, scoop and bag them. Spruce lose inner needles, 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.