Spruce, (Norway) Hillside Upright

Picea abies 'Hillside Upright'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Norwegian Spruce

Description:

An elegant cultivar with irregular branching and an upright habit that produces a naturally stylish appearance, excellent as a garden focal point; needles are deep dark green and contrast the brown buds nicely

Ornamental Features

Spruce, (Norway) Hillside Upright is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The needles remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Spruce, (Norway) Hillside Upright is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive and refined pyramidal 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. 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, (Norway) Hillside Upright is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



Spruce, (Norway) Hillside Upright
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Spruce, (Norway) Hillside Upright foliage
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Planting & Growing

Spruce, (Norway) Hillside Upright will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

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

Clean Up Rating (3): Cones are 4 to 7 inches long and 1 1/2 inches wide. 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. 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.