Spruce, (Norway) Columnar

Picea abies 'Cupressina'



Spruce, (Norway) Columnar
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Norwegian Spruce

Description:

This narrow fastigiate form of this spruce is in high demand for urban and boundary plantings where strong vertical accents are desired; this selection grows quite quickly and withstands snow loads better than other columnar types

Ornamental Features

Spruce, (Norway) Columnar is primarily valued in the landscape for its rigidly columnar form. It has rich green evergreen foliage. The needles remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Spruce, (Norway) Columnar is a dense evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree. 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) Columnar is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent



Spruce, (Norway) Columnar foliage
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Planting & Growing

Spruce, (Norway) Columnar will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It has a low canopy, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. 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.