



Spruce, Dwarf Alberta Spiral

Picea glauca 'Conica (spiral)'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:  

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A dwarf evergreen sheared to a spiral form making a dazzling accent, requires annual pruning to keep in form; incredibly dense needles are very sensitive to air flow & light. Plant far enough away from other things to allow good air flow & light.

Ornamental Features

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

- Accent
- General Garden Use



Spruce, Dwarf Alberta Spiral
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Spruce, Dwarf Alberta Spiral (topiary form)
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Planting & Growing

Spruce, Dwarf Alberta Spiral will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It has a low canopy, 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.

Special Attributes

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.