Creeping Oriental Spruce

Picea orientalis 'Repens'



Creeping Oriental Spruce
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Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A mounding, spreading evergreen shrub which tends to crawl along the ground, a real curiosity for the garden or home landscape, very adaptable; use to draw attention and create all-year interest in the garden

Ornamental Features

Creeping Oriental Spruce is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has dark green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The needles remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Creeping Oriental Spruce is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Creeping Oriental Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Creeping Oriental Spruce will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 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 70 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, 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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.