Delp's Dwarf White Spruce

Picea glauca 'Delp's Dwarf'



Delp's Dwarf White Spruce
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Height: 5 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Alberta Spruce

Description:

A popular, slow growing, conical evergreen shrub with dense bright green foliage that turns gray-green; great as an accent plant, or in containers; tolerates heat and cold and a wide range of soils

Ornamental Features

Delp's Dwarf White Spruce is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has attractive grayish green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Delp's Dwarf White Spruce is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Delp's Dwarf White Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Delp's Dwarf White Spruce will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 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. 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. This is a selection of a native North American species.