Rainbow's End Spruce (spiral)

Picea glauca 'Rainbow's End (spiral)'



Rainbow's End Spruce (spiral)
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 14 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

Incredible seasonal color interest on this spiral accent variety; new growth in spring is light green but in mid summer the second flush displays extraordinary bright yellow new growth that has a dramatic contrast against dark green older foliage

Ornamental Features

Rainbow's End Spruce (spiral) is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its rigidly columnar form. It has attractive dark green foliage with hints of yellow which emerges yellow in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Rainbow's End Spruce (spiral) is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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.

Rainbow's End Spruce (spiral) is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Rainbow's End Spruce (spiral) will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 inches. 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. 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.