Northern Pride Russian Cypress

Microbiota decussata 'Northern Pride'



Northern Pride Russian Cypress
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Russian Arborvitae

Description:

An incredible evergreen groundcover shrub that will take the gardening world by storm, this extremely hardy low growing spreader looks like someone crossed the foliage of an arborvitae with the growth habit of a spreading juniper; quite tolerant of shade



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Ornamental Features

Northern Pride Russian Cypress is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has emerald green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Northern Pride Russian Cypress is a 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, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Northern Pride Russian Cypress is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

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Planting & Growing

Northern Pride Russian Cypress will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any 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 quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided, 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.