Elegans Spruce

Picea abies 'Elegans'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Norwegian Spruce

Description:

This cultivar has deep green foliage and normally grows into a rounded, low, dome shape; will eventually grow quite large if left unpruned; early bud break distinguishes this cultivar from other similar varieties

Ornamental Features

Elegans Spruce is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The needles remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Elegans Spruce is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. 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. 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.

Elegans Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



Elegans Spruce
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Elegans Spruce foliage
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Planting & Growing

Elegans Spruce will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



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