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North Star Spruce

Picea glauca 'North Star'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

An excellent choice for its resilience to harsh winter conditions, this sturdy, compact evergreen produces a densely branched, classic pyramid covered with medium green needles; great for larger exposed spaces, mixed borders and beds

Ornamental Features

North Star Spruce is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has rich green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The needles remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

North Star Spruce is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive and refined pyramidal 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

North Star Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- General Garden Use



North Star Spruce
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North Star Spruce foliage
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Planting & Growing

North Star Spruce will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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 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 selection of a native North American species.

Nursery Notes

Best in an east or north-facing location. Watch for needle burn if planted in full sun.

