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Ohlendorf Spruce

Picea abies 'Ohlendorfii'

Ohlendorf Spruce
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Height: 12 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Norwegian Spruce

Description:

This popular garden shrub is very much like a miniature version of the species, forms a medium-sized conical to spire-shaped shrub; adaptable and hardy, great for adding some scaled-down dynamics to the garden skyline

Ornamental Features

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

Landscape Attributes

Ohlendorf 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. 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.

Ohlendorf Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Vertical Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Ohlendorf Spruce will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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.