Blaze Norway Spruce

Picea abies 'Blaze'



Blaze Norway Spruce foliage
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Height: 10 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Norwegian Spruce

Description:

A handsome dwarf selection, featuring bright red new growth that matures to green by summer; it has a dense pyramidal form, making it an excellent choice for screens, windbreaks, or as an accent on the landscape

Ornamental Features

Blaze Norway Spruce is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive green evergreen foliage which emerges cherry red in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Blaze Norway Spruce is an open evergreen tree with a strong central leader and 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 tree. 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.

Blaze Norway Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts

Planting & Growing

Blaze Norway Spruce will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tree 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.