



Blue Nest Spruce

Picea mariana 'Ericoides'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

A dense and compact mounded shrub with a characteristic depression in the center (hence the name), colorful fine-textured bluish-green needles; adaptable and hardy, an excellent choice for form and texture in the garden or for rock gardens

Ornamental Features

Blue Nest Spruce has attractive bluish-green foliage which emerges light green in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. Neither the flowers nor the fruit are ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Blue Nest Spruce is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep. 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.

Blue Nest Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Blue Nest Spruce will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 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 50 years or more.



Blue Nest Spruce
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This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is quite adaptable, preferring to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, 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.