Plant Finder

Hedgehog Dwarf White Spruce

Picea glauca 'Echiniformis'



Hedgehog Dwarf White Spruce
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

An extremely miniature and compact evergreen with short gray-green needles, forms a dense, compact mound; ideal for rock garden or other detail garden use, somewhat sensitive to winter burn, may require some protection; relatively rare

Ornamental Features

Hedgehog Dwarf White Spruce is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has grayish green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The needles remain grayish green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Hedgehog Dwarf White 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 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.

Hedgehog Dwarf White Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Hedgehog Dwarf White Spruce will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. 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.

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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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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. This is a selection of a native North American species.