

NORWAY SPRUCE

Picea abies



Houghton/Keweenaw, MI Conservation District

Mature Height	40-60 Feet	Soil Type	Sandy, Well-drained
Mature Spread	30-35 Feet	Flower Color	Inconspicuous
Mature Form	Pyramidal	Foliage Color	Very Dark Green
Growth Rate	Rapid, Slows with Age	Fall Color	Evergreen
Sun Exposure	Full Sun	Zones	3-7
Soil Moisture	Drought Tolerant		

The Norway Spruce, *Picea abies*, is a non-native evergreen conifer. This spruce is often used as a windbreak or snowbreak and as an ornamental tree in more urban environments. Its stiff needles often point downward toward its branch tips to create a drooping effect, and its cones are 4-6 inches long at maturity.

Although it prefers moist, acidic soils, the Norway Spruce adapts well to many harsh soil conditions and thrives under seasonal draught. It is a good choice for urban environments because it tolerates city pollution well. This tree transplants easily, and should be planted where it has plenty of room to develop. Additionally, wet soils should be avoided when planting.



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