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Picea mariana

Black Spruce



An evergreen conifer with a narrow conical, spire-like form. Extremely cold hardy and a valuable nesting site for birds. Slow-growing. Beautiful dark green color stands out in the winter landscape, and contrasts well with bright autumn leaves. Not especially heat and drought tolerant, so be sure to place in a protected site. Also sensitive to salt and pollution.

Suggested Companions: red maple (*Acer rubrum*), yellow birch (*Betula alleghaniensis*), wild raisin (*Viburnum cassinoides*), purple chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*)

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Plant Type: Evergreen Tree

Size: 15-45' H
10-30' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:
Swamp/ Bog

Soil: Very Damp/Wet
Average Garden Soil
Sandy/ Gravelly
Rich Moist
Clay

Exposure: filtered
shade
sun

Flower Color:
Purple
Red

Bloom Time:
June

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:
Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Winter interest