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Birds Nest Spruce

Picea abies 'Nidiformis'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Norwegian Spruce

Description:

A small dense spreading shrub which develops a characteristic depression in the center (hence the name), very unlike the species; forms a neat compact evergreen ball, adaptable and hardy; excellent choice for form and texture in the garden

Ornamental Features

Birds Nest Spruce is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has rich green evergreen foliage which emerges lime green in spring. The needles remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Birds Nest Spruce is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

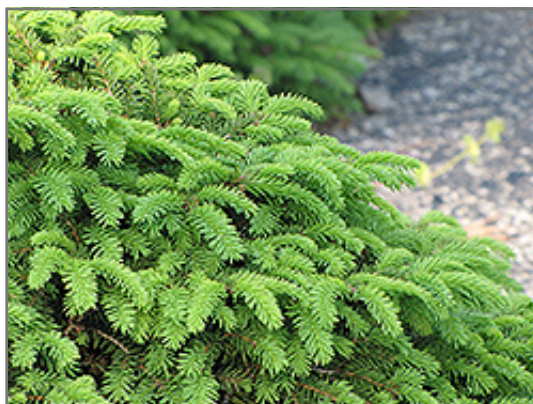
This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. When pruning is necessary, it is recommended to only trim back the new growth of the current season, other than to remove any dieback. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Birds Nest Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



Birds Nest Spruce
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Birds Nest Spruce foliage
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Planting & Growing

Birds Nest Spruce will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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.

This shrub should be grown in a location with partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

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