

Black Hills Spruce

(Picea glauca densata)

Mature Height: 20'-30'

Mature Spread: 10'-20'

Growth Rate: Slow

Black Hills Spruce is a sub-species of white spruce that is native to the Black Hills of South Dakota. It grows considerably more slowly than White Spruce, which makes it more dense, compact, and ultimately a smaller tree. Black Hills Spruce is a very good evergreen for smaller spaces. It performs very well in the mid-west and it is extremely hardy. It does well in most soils, but does



not tolerate heavy clay well. Due to the density of the branching, planting with proper spacing is essential to provide air circulation. The Black Hills Spruce is a low-maintenance tree in the landscape and requires very little pruning to maintain its conical shape. Its dark green needles and compact size make it an excellent choice for a specimen tree in the landscape.

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