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## Acrocona Spruce *Picea abies* 'Acrocona'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Norwegian Spruce red cone spruce

### Description:

Like a smaller version of the species, this fine selection forms a medium-sized Christmas tree-like shrub, with pronounced upright cones; adaptable and hardy, slow growing; excellent choice for a small-scale vertical accent in the garden skyline

### Ornamental Features

Acrocona Spruce is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has bluish-green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The needles remain bluish-green throughout the winter. The purple fruits are held in cones from early spring to early summer.

### Landscape Attributes

Acrocona Spruce is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care 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.



*Acrocona Spruce fruit*  
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Acrocona Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Vertical Accent
- General Garden Use

## **Planting & Growing**

Acrocona Spruce will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.