

NORWAY SPRUCE

Picea abies



Family:	Pine
Native to:	Europe
Hardiness Zones:	2 to 7
Height:	40 to 60 feet
Spread:	25 to 30 feet

EVERGREEN TREE

Culture:

The Norway spruce, a large pyramidal evergreen tree, is easily grown in average, acidic, evenly moist, well-drained soils in full sun. The species forms well in rich sandy soils.

Did You Know?

In its native European habitat, the Norway spruce typically matures to 100-150 feet. The tallest measured Norway spruce is 204 feet and grows in Slovenia.

It is used as an ornamental tree in gardens and parks and provides an effective screen or windbreak.

It is also widely planted for use as a Christmas tree. Every Christmas, the Norwegian city of Oslo provides the cities of London, Edinburgh and Washington D.C. with a Norway spruce, which is placed at the most central square of each city. This is a sign of gratitude for the aid these countries gave to Norway during the Second World War.

Genus name is reportedly derived from the Latin word *pix* meaning pitch in reference to the sticky resin typically found in spruce bark.