



## Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*)

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Norway Spruce is widely planted in North America, especially in the northwestern, Pacific Coast, and Rocky Mountain states. Under good conditions, this large and popular conifer can grow 2-3 feet per year its first 25 years, and reach 115 - 180 feet in height. It makes a fine ornamental tree in parks and gardens but is not a tree for a small yard.

A native of Europe, Norway Spruce is sometimes called mountain spruce. On larger trees, foliage commonly hangs down from the main branches and cones are 4-8 inches long, the longest of any spruce. Needles are quadrangular, and dark green on all four sides. Norway spruce prefers moist, cool climates, requires little pruning, is not prone to breakage and makes an ideal windbreak. It's also the most disease-resistant spruce and is affected by few insects.

The Norwegian capital city of Oslo provides the cities of New York, Washington D.C., Edinburgh and London (Trafalgar Square) with a Norway Spruce each Christmas, mainly as a show of gratitude for the aid these countries provided during the Second World War. 🌲

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