

# black spruce

*Picea mariana* Also known as: **Maryland spruce, bog spruce**

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This description is for **black spruce** (*Picea mariana*):

**Go out on a limb and plant a black spruce - its curved branches and colour-changing cones will make it worthwhile.**

With its beautiful dark bluish-green foliage, curved branches and elegant conical shape, black spruce or *Picea mariana* is a breathtaking species that comes in tree and shrub varieties. Black spruce cones have an attractive colour range, initially bluish-black before turning to red and then brown as they mature. Black spruce thrives in full sunlight in fertile, well-draining soils such as loamy or clay soils. This versatile species can accommodate a range of garden ideas. The shrub varieties form excellent additions to borders and rock gardens and tree varieties with their casually graceful appearance make for spectacular screens or windbreaks. Whichever variety is planted, black spruce is a sure way to spruce up any garden.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> no	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral	<b>Standard category</b> Trees & shrubs Conifers

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<b>Height [m]</b> 10 - 20	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z2-6	<b>Grown for</b> Ornamental Foliage
<b>Spread [m]</b> 2 - 3	<b>Heat zone</b> H6-1	<b>Creative category</b> Kid Approved For Beginners Show-offs Bonsai For every season Tough survivors
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Inconspicuous or absent	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -46 - -18	<b>Garden type</b> Park City
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Heat days</b> 0 - 60	<b>Garden spaces</b> Specimen Architectural
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Blue-green	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Blue-green	<b>Soil type</b> sandy Clay loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> 30 years or longer
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Blue-green	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun	
<b>Foliage in winter</b> Blue-green	<b>Exposure</b> Exposed Sheltered	
<b>Propagation methods</b> semi-ripe cuttings grafting seed		
<b>Growth habit</b> Conical Dense Rounded		