



Black Hills Spruce

Picea glauca

Pinaceae

Description

Native to the Black Hills of South Dakota, the Black Hills Spruce has been determined to be a variety of White Spruce found in the same area. The difference being, it has a darker green color to its needles. It provides habitat to birds, small mammals, and even butterflies. The sap from the tree is analgesic and has been used as makeshift bandages, similar to superglue. Tea can be made from the needles, younger ones being most sought after, and contain a high amount of vitamin C.

General Information

Zone: 2-6	Soil Texture: Clay, Loam, Sand	Fall Color: Green
Height: 40-60'	Soil pH: Acidic-Alkaline	Bloom Color: Yellow, Brown, Green, Red
Width: 10-20'	Exposure: Full Sun	Bloom Time: Spring, Summer
Habit: Pyramidal	Water Needs: Average	Fragrance: Yes
Growth Rate: 24" per year	Soil Drainage: Well-Drained	Fruit Color: Brown
	Other Attributes: Deer Tolerant, Wind Resistant	Fruiting Time: Fall
		Fruit Flavor: Inedible
		Attracts: Butterflies, Birds, Small Mammals

Resources:

[Plants A to Z: Find Plant Names by Letter \(thespruce.com\)](http://thespruce.com)
[Find a Plant | NC Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox \(ncsu.edu\)](http://ncsu.edu)
[Trees and Plants | The Morton Arboretum](http://mortonarboretum.org)
[WSU PNW Plants](http://wsu.edu)

[The Tree Guide at arborday.org](http://arborday.org)
[Woody Plants Catalog | The UFOR Nursery & Lab \(umn.edu\)](http://um.edu)
[Plant Finder \(missouribotanicalgarden.org\)](http://missouribotanicalgarden.org)
[N.D. Tree Handbook \(nds.edu\)](http://nds.edu)