Dietz Prostrate Spruce

Picea pungens 'Dietz Prostrate'



Dietz Prostrate Spruce foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Blue Colorado Spruce;Colorado Blue Spruce

Description:

A ground-hugging trailing shrub with beautiful blue foliage; sometimes the branches cascade down, sometimes they remaining stiffly horizontal; can be staked, or draped over a rock wall or slope for a dramatic landscape effect

Ornamental Features

Dietz Prostrate Spruce is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive silvery blue evergreen foliage. The needles are highly ornamental and remain silvery blue throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Dietz Prostrate Spruce is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub. 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.

Dietz Prostrate Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Dietz Prostrate Spruce will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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 selection of a native North American species.