Aurea Jakobsen Norway Spruce

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Aurea Jakobsen Norway Spruce foliage
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Height: 8 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Aurea Jacobsen, Norwegian Spruce

Description:

A slow-growing dwarf selection presenting bright, frosted golden foliage, eventually forming a narrow conical habit with semi-pendant branches; a distinctive year-round character shrub for the textural garden composition, adaptable and hardy

Ornamental Features

Aurea Jakobsen Norway Spruce is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive grayish green-variegated gold foliage with hints of silver which emerges buttery yellow in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and remain gold throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Aurea Jakobsen Norway Spruce is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. 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.

Aurea Jakobsen Norway Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Aurea Jakobsen Norway Spruce will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.