

Black Hills Spruce

Picea glauca 'Densata'



- **Plant Characteristics:** A broad, dense pyramid in youth, becoming a tall, fairly narrow, dense spire, compact and regular, with horizontal to ascending branches. Found Labrador to Alaska, south to Montana, Wyoming, Arkansas, Minnesota, and New York.
- **Size:** Height: 30-60
Width: 15- 25'
- **Foliage:** Persistent for several years, crowded on the upper side of the stem, pale green or dull blue-green, 1/3 to 3/4 inch long.
- **Flower /Fruit:** .75 to 1 inch purplish cones that turn mature to brown in the fall.
- **Soil:** Grows best in moist loams or alluvial soils.
- **USDA Hardiness Zone:** Zone 2 to 6
- **Light Range:** Best in full sun, will tolerate some shade.
- **pH Range:** 4.0–7.5 pH
- **Other:**
 - tolerant of wind, heat, cold, drought and crowding.
 - slow growing
 - root system is shallow, fibrous, and wide spreading
 - used in conservation windbreaks
 - browsed by mammals
 - nesting for birds