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Bergman's Gem Oriental Spruce

Picea orientalis 'Bergman's Gem'



Bergman's Gem Oriental Spruce
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

A memorable tree for home landscape use, with bright golden new growth in spring which eventually fades to green and a round mounded habit; ideal as a color accent in the landscape

Ornamental Features

Bergman's Gem Oriental Spruce is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has attractive grayish green foliage with bluish-green undersides which emerges yellow in spring. The tiny needles are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter. The rough brown bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.



Bergman's Gem Oriental Spruce foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Bergman's Gem Oriental Spruce is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Bergman's Gem Oriental Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

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Planting & Growing

Bergman's Gem Oriental Spruce will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.