

Conifers

Cis Korean Fir



Abies koreana 'Cis'

Radiating, dark green needles lie flat on the stems and provide a backdrop for attractive, small, brown buds at the branch tips. This flattened, spherical plant has a formal, tidy appearance and glistening foliage that draws attention in the garden. Selected in Holland in 1989.

Garden Size - 1.5'H x 2'W
Dwarf - 1-3 inches / year
Globe shaped - Zone 4 - Green
Sun to partial shade



Korean Fir 'Cis'

Fernleaf Hinoki Cypress



Chamaecyparis obtusa
'Filicoides Compacta'

The foliage on this stunning, upright tree looks more like fern fronds than typical Hinoki branches. Each arching, rich green branch tapers to a fine point, instead of the more usual cupped tip. Trees develop a handsome, open habit, so they stand out as focal points or combine nicely in an evergreen screen. Pruning encourages a more compact shape, if desired. Grow in moist, well-drained soil in full sun or light shade.

Garden Size - 10'H x 7'W
Intermediate - 6-8 inches / year
Broad Upright - Zone 5 - Green
Sun to partial shade



Cham. obtusa 'Filicoides Compacta'

Dwarf Hinoki Cypress



Chamaecyparis obtusa
'Nana Gracilis'

With elegance, 'Nana Gracilis' provides a quiet, powerful structure to any garden. Dense, extremely healthy, rich green foliage resembles delicately curved cups. Its slow growth and irregularly rounded form, that becomes more upright with age, is especially attractive when placed near rocks or adjacent to a small pond. Prefers moist, well-drained soil in full sun or partial shade.

Garden Size - 8'H x 6'W
Dwarf - 3-6 inches / year
Broad Upright - Zone 5 - Green
Sun to partial shade



Cham. obtusa 'Nana Gracilis'

Thoweil Hinoki Cypress

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Chamaecyparis obtusa
'Thoweil'

A slow grower, 'Thoweil' will make a great feature specimen in the garden when creatively placed for 360° viewing. Its small, deep green foliage and naturally sculpted narrow upright habit make it a unique and stately addition to the garden. Alone in a container or in a group planting, it may be a featured patio sculpture.

Garden Size - 6'H x 2'W
Dwarf - 3-6 inches / year
Narrow Upright - Zone 5 - Green



Cham. Obtusa 'Thoweil'

Gyokruya Japanese Cedar



Cryptomeria japonica
'Gyokruya'

A very durable selection that maintains a good green all winter. Dark green needles appear in dense clumps on a broadly pyramidal plant. This selection has shown excellent disease resistance in areas where other forms have declined. Responds well to pruning.

Garden Size - 6'H x 6'W
Dwarf - 6-8 inches / year
Broad Upright - Zone 6 - Green
Sun to partial shade



Cryptomeria japonica 'Gyokruya'

Dinger Japanese Cedar



Cryptomeria japonica
'Dinger'

This dwarf Japanese Cedar is definitely a humdinger to any and all dwarf conifer collections! Rounded and multi-branched shoots are cord-like and filled with awl-shaped bright green needles. Masses of decorative buds form on lightly sheared tips to create a full, well-rounded treasure. Adds unique texture in the garden and appreciates protection from cold and desiccating winds.

Garden Size - 4'x3'
Dwarf - 3-5 inches / year
Broad Upright - Zone 6 - Green
Sun to partial shade



Cryptomeria japonica 'Dinger'

Elegant Japanese Cedar



Cryptomeria japonica
'Elegans Aurea'

Light green in summer, the soft, feathery juvenile foliage of this upright selection puts on a bright chartreuse display in late winter, when the sight is especially welcome. As a large, handsome specimen with cinnamon bark and a tapering trunk, this conifer will add strength and elegance to the landscape year-round.

Garden Size - 12'W x 8'H
Intermediate - 6-10 inches / year
Broad Upright - Zone 6 - Green
Sun to partial shade



Cryptomeria japonica 'Elegans Aurea'

Wilma Monterey Cypress



Cupressus macrocarpa
'Wilma'

Very finely textured, small threads of lemon yellow foliage are the highlight of this compact, narrow conifer. Cinnamon colored bark allows the brilliant foliage to stand out even more. 'Wilma' is beautiful as a single specimen or planted in a cluster or privacy screen. Full sun will encourage the brightest yellow color that maintains through the winter. In partial shade its color becomes a very bright green.

Garden Size - 12'H x 4'W
Intermediate - 6-10 inches / year
Narrow Upright - Zone 7 - Yellow
Sun to partial shade



Cupressus macrocarpa 'Wilma'

Donard Gold Monterey Cypress



Cupressus macrocarpa
'Donard Gold'

Bright, eye-catching 'Donard Gold' shines in the garden with distinctive, two-tone yellow foliage. Chartreuse new growth surrounds radiant, lemon-yellow inner foliage, and both stand out against reddish, cinnamon bark. Upright branches produce a narrow form, and the foliage has a pleasant citrus scent.

Garden Size - 15'H x 8'W
Intermediate - 6-12 inches / year
Narrow Upright - Zone 7 - Yellow
Full Sun



Cupressus macrocarpa 'Donard Gold'

Compressa Common Juniper



Juniperus communis
'Compressa'

Resembling an elegant, tapered candle with silvery, blue-green foliage, 'Compressa' makes a superior, vertical accent, especially in containers, the rock garden and other small spaces. Its dense, vertical branches grow very slowly and stay in perfect scale with other choice rockery plants.

Garden Size - 3'H x 1'W
Dwarf - 2-4 inches / year
Narrow Upright - Zone 4 - Bluish Green
Full sun



Juniperus communis 'Compressa'

All Gold Juniper



Juniperus conferta
'All Gold'

'All Gold' is exactly as its name implies - all gold! It is extremely durable with a prostrate growth habit that quickly covers the ground. The prickly awl-shaped foliage is very dense and turns a light bronze in winter. Native to the Japanese coast, it does well in seacoast environments. Best color in full sun.

Garden Size - 1'H x 8'W
Dwarf - 3-6 inches / year
Prostrate - Zone 6 - Yellow
Full sun



Juniperus conferta 'All Gold'

Pancake Juniper



Juniperus horizontalis
'Pancake'

Slowly layering feathery foliage to no more than about 4" high, with ground-hugging branches which will root as they creep along the ground. Gray-blue in color through the growing season, it takes on light purple hues in winter. Prefers full sun in dry, sandy soils and is drought tolerant when established. Stake to attain additional height for pleasing effect.

Garden Size - 6"H x 4'W
Dwarf - 3-5 inches/year
Prostrate - Zone 3 - Bluish Green
Full sun



Juniperus horizontalis 'Pancake'

Little Gem Norway Spruce



Picea abies 'Little Gem'

Tufts of tiny green needles cover the many short shoots of this dense, tight bun. Discovered in 1958, 'Little Gem' has been an extremely popular plant ever since. Its tough constitution and restrained growth assure good performance in a variety of garden situations where it resembles a lush, green pincushion.

Garden Size - 1'H x 2'W
Dwarf - 1-3 inches / year
Spreading - Zone 3 - Green
Full Sun



Picea abies 'Little Gem'

Weeping Norway Spruce



Picea abies 'Pendula'

The dark green, Weeping Norway Spruce can be staked and trained into an outstanding upright specimen, or it can be allowed to grow as an undulating groundcover that drapes over slopes and walls. Plant a row of young 'Pendula' plants with stake and wire supports to train them into a narrow, living fence.

Garden Size - Varies with culture
Large 12-15 inches / year
Weeping - Zone 3 - Green
Full Sun



Picea abies 'Pendula'

Sherwood Compact Norway Spruce



Picea abies
'Sherwood Compact'

Site this narrow, pyramidal tree where its strongly ascending branches can develop into a mid-size, distinctly upright cone in the landscape. In addition to size and shape, the cultivar produces many soft brown shoots and clean green needles. Use it as a specimen in a small space that deserves a big impact or use it as part of a privacy wall.

Garden Size - 15'H x 8'W
Intermediate - 6-12 inches / year
Narrow Upright - Zone 4 - Green
Full Sun



Picea abies 'Sherwood Compact'

Humpty Dumpty Alberta Spruce

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Picea glauca
'Humpty Dumpty'

This extremely dense plant is short and plump like Humpty Dumpty himself. As wide at the base as it is tall, and less than two thirds the growth rate of the dwarf Alberta Spruce. This variety is unique with an almost perfect pyramidal form. An excellent choice for rock gardens, troughs, or the small residential landscape. Use in container plantings for your deck, patio, or balcony.

Garden Size - 3'H x 2'W
Dwarf - 2-4 inches / year
Broad Upright - Zone 4 - Green



Picea glauca 'Humpty Dumpty'

Jean's Dilly® Alberta Spruce

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Picea glauca 'Jean's Dilly'®
Pronounced "John's" Dilly, this extraordinary selection bears the name of dwarf conifer pioneer Jean Iseli. Named by his brother, André, to note the plant's remarkable qualities. Much smaller, denser and slower growing than other Alberta types, its short, fine needles display a distinctive twist during the growing season. Spring growth starts about 3-4 weeks later than 'Conica'. discovered at Iseli Nursery in 1981, this signature plant is a fitting choice to honor an extraordinary plantsman.

Garden Size - 3'H x 1'W
Dwarf - 2-4 inches / year
Narrow Upright - Zone 4 - Green
Full Sun



Picea glauca 'Jean's Dilly'

Weeping White Spruce



Picea glauca
'Pendula'

A real show-stopper with its greyish green color and stiff, strongly weeping side branches. So stately in appearance, it is an elegant specimen that would add a touch of class to any garden, especially as a focal point. The species is native to the northern US and Canada making this plant extremely cold hardy. Loves full sun and tolerates partial shade.

Garden Size - 15'H x 4'W
Intermediate - 6-12 inches / year
Narrow Upright - Zone 2 - Bluish Green
Full Sun



Picea glauca 'Pendula'

Skylands Oriental Spruce



Picea orientalis
'Skylands'

This full, upright spruce is an excellent choice for adding bright, year-round color to a large garden. Its small, glossy needles emerge electric yellow in spring and gradually soften to a rich gold that stands out against darker, interior foliage. Best color in full sun, although protection may be warranted in scorching summer climates.

Garden Size - 25'H x 15'W
Large - 15+ inches / year
Broad Upright - Zone 4 - Yellow
Sun to Partial Shade



***Picea orientalis* 'Skylands'**

Fat Albert Blue Spruce

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Picea pungens
'Fat Albert'

An outstanding blue spruce selection that is superior to common seedling "blue spruce" which vary in size, shape and color. 'Fat Albert' maintains bright blue needles and a straight, well-shaped form that will grace your landscape for years to come. Requires no staking or training, creating a perfect full pyramid both as a young plant and mature tree.

Garden Size - 25'H x 15'W
Large - 15+ inches / year
Broad Upright - Zone 2 - Blue
Full Sun



***Picea pungens* 'Fat Albert'**

Zafiro Blue Spruce

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Picea pungens 'Zafiro'
Its bright blue color and a slow growth rate, make this new selection a premium choice for gardens with limited space. Super winter hardy and its tidy habit make it an excellent alternative to the generic "Dwarf Blue Globe Spruce" commonly specified in suburban landscape design.

Garden Size - 8'H x 6'W
Dwarf - 3-6 inches / year
Broad Upright - Zone 2 - Blue
Full Sun



Picea pungens 'Zafiro'

Papoose Sitka Spruce



Picea sitchensis 'Papoose'
'Papoose' has sharp, two-tone, blue-green needles. Late in spring, clusters of buds open at the branch tips and form blossom-like bursts of foliage. The slow-growing tree displays a dense, globose habit when young, but produces a leader with age and becomes a tight, upright, broad shape. Found by Gordon Bentham, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, it is considered deer resistant.

Garden Size - 8'H x 6'W
Dwarf - 3-6 inches / year
Broad Upright - Zone 5 - Bluish Green
Full Sun



Picea sitchensis 'Papoose'

Prairie Statesman® Swiss Stone Pine



Pinus cembra
Prairie Statesman®
(‘Herman’)

Super hardy with a super form, Prairie Statesman® will make an elegant statement under some of the harshest conditions. Soft, emerald green foliage, with a hint of silvery blue, adorns this perfectly symmetrical tree.

Its columnar habit provides a narrow footprint making it suitable for the home garden as well as large landscapes. Drought tolerant and extremely cold hardy, it is an excellent selection by Dr. Dale Herman, North Dakota State University.

Garden Size - 12'H x 6'W
Intermediate - 6-10 inches / year
Narrow Upright - Zone 3 - Bluish Green
Full Sun



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Pinus cembra ‘Prairie Statesman’

Spaan’s Dwarf Shore Pine



Pinus contorta
‘Spaan’s Dwarf’

Short, closely set, dark green needles and a sweeping, irregular habit give this dwarf Shore Pine an unusual look that suggests coral. ‘Spaan’s Dwarf’ develops a sturdy, open, upright branch structure and dramatic character with age. Slow growth and a wider-than-tall form make it a natural for rock garden, bonsai and container culture.

Garden Size - 4'H x 3'W
Dwarf - 3-5 inches / year
Broad Upright - Zone 5 - Green
Full Sun



Pinus contorta ‘Spaan’s Dwarf’

La Cabana Mugo Pine



Pinus mugo
'La Cabana'

This super hardy pine will grow into a sturdy broad pyramidal form. Thick green needles and fat resinous buds add to the visual interest. 'La Cabana' will be a stout foundation tree for the garden, a tremendous low windbreak, or a featured specimen tree depending on culture.

Garden Size - 15'H x 12'W
Intermediate - 6-12 inches / year
Broad Upright - Zone 2 - Green
Full Sun



Pinus mugo 'La Cabana'

Valley Cushion Mugo Pine



Pinus mugo 'Valley Cushion'

'Valley Cushion' offers a spreading habit to the mix of TRUdwarf® mugo choices. The very compact, dense pine stays low and flat, much wider than tall. Reddish, new buds complement the short, medium green needles, and plants grow very slowly, so they require little or no pruning.

Garden Size - 1'H x 4'W
Dwarf - 3-5 inches / year
Prostrate - Zone 2 - Green
Full Sun



Pinus mugo 'Valley Cushion'

Winter Sun Mugo Pine



Pinus mugo
'Wintersonne'

With the cool temperatures of autumn, this extremely hardy, compact mugo pine becomes an electric yellow color that persists through the cold season. Great for containers, the rock garden – or any landscape space that needs a little spark of color during the dreary winter months. Loves full sun, well-drained soil, and responds well to spring candle pruning if a more compact form is desired.

Garden Size - 6'H x 4'W
Dwarf - 3-6 inches / year
Broad Upright - Zone 2 - Green/Yellow
Full Sun



Pinus mugo 'Wintersonne'

Pacific Blue Macedonian Pine

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Pinus peuce
'Pacific Blue'

Beautiful blue needles are long and thin, and densely cover this selection of Macedonian pine. Selected from a group of 'Glauca' seedlings for its pleasing color. Multi-year needle persistence makes for a thick and full specimen with good form. Native to SE Europe, it is very cold and wind tolerant.

Garden Size - 20'H x 15'W
Large - 12-15 inches / year
Broad Upright - Zone 4- Blue
Full Sun



Pinus peuce 'Pacific Blue'

Louie's Eastern White Pine



Pinus strobus 'Louie'

This exciting, new offering has long, thin, vibrant yellow needles that stay brightly colored year-round. Interior foliage that is shaded stays fresh green, so the yellow really stands out. Large, open and upright, the symmetrical pyramid, best planted in full sun, seems to reflect the rays of the sun back into the garden. For a compact form, 'Louie' responds very well to annual shearing.

Garden Size - 20'H x 15'W
Large - 12-15 inches / year
Broad Upright - Zone 3 - Yellow
Full Sun



Pinus strobus 'Louie'

Albyn Prostrate Scots Pine



Pinus sylvestris 'Albyn Prostrata'

This vigorous spreader is an excellent groundcover that spills over banks and rambles through garden beds. With maturity, layered branches mound in the center and taper down to the edges. A blue cast adds interest to the thick, green needles of this excellent selection.

Garden Size - 2'H x 10'W
Intermediate - 6 to 8 inches / year
Prostrate - Zone 3 - Bluish Green
Full Sun



Pinus sylvestris 'Albyn Prostrata'

Picola Japanese Umbrella Pine



Sciadopitys verticillata
'Picola'

Dense and compact, this slower growing form of Japanese Umbrella Pine is perfect for the patio garden. Shorter, thinner needles on short shoots account for an overall bushy habit. Of all the dwarf types we've trialed it maintains the darkest green, resulting in a very rich look. Full sun to partial shade and well drained soil is preferred.

Garden Size - 4'H x 3'W
Dwarf - 3-5 inches / year
Broad Upright - Zone 5 - Green
Full Sun



Sciadopitys verticillata 'Picola'

Franky Boy Oriental Arborvitae



Thuja (syn. Platycladus) orientalis
'Franky Boy'

Filaments of lemon yellow foliage jutting out from a lime green interior move and sway with the slightest breeze creating an airy texture and great color contrast to other garden plants.

You can have the effects of ornamental grasses without winter die-back. Light shearing will encourage a formal, compact form and provide a proliferation of bright and colorful foliage. Plant in full sun for best color.

Garden Size - 6'H x 4'W
Dwarf - 3-6 inches / year
Broad Upright - Zone 5 - Yellow
Full Sun



Thuja orientalis 'Franky Boy'

Autumn Moon Arborvitae



Thuja occidentalis
'Autumn Moon'

A dense, rounded plant with upright fans of canary yellow foliage, 'Autumn Moon' stays uniform and tidy without developing an oval, upright habit like other yellow forms found in the marketplace. Can be planted in a row to make a stunningly colorful border or for individual color spots throughout the landscape.

Garden Size - 3'H x 3'W
Dwarf - Globe Shaped
Zone 4 - Yellow
Full Sun



Thuja occidentalis 'Autumn Moon'

DeGroot's Spire Arborvitae



Thuja occidentalis 'DeGroot's Spire'

This American Arborvitae has it all: habit, color and texture. It combines a narrow, columnar form with thick, ruffled, medium green foliage and branchlets that occasionally twist and layer over one another. Use as a single exclamation point, in a grouping or lined up for tall screening in tight spaces. Hardy, durable and adaptable to many conditions.

Garden Size - 15'H x 3'W
Intermediate - 6-12 inches / year
Narrow Upright - Zone 3 - Green
Full Sun



Thuja occidentalis 'DeGroot's Spire'

Mr. Bowling Ball® Arborvitae



Thuja occidentalis
Mr. Bowling Ball®
(‘Bobazam’)

This silvery green, dwarf arborvitae looks like an oversized bowling ball, except for its fine, almost lacy, texture. Actually, it is a reliable, mid-size, spherical dwarf conifer that has many uses in the landscape. It is hardy, durable and adaptable to many conditions.

Garden Size - 6'H x 6'W
Dwarf - 3-6 inches / year
Globe Shaped - Zone 3 - Green
Full Sun



Thuja occidentalis ‘Mr. Bowling Ball’

Thuja plicata ‘Green Giant’

One of the finest evergreens for use as screening or a windbreak, this upright conifer is versatile, strong-rooted and virtually disease-free. Its uniform shape seldom needs pruning, but responds well to shearing. Thrives in southern heat and humidity. A durable, handsome accent tree.

USDA Zone 4-8. Light Needs: Full sun

Tsuga canadensis ‘Green Lace’

We have no information on this Canadian Hemlock as of yet. What I did see is that it is rare. If we can find any info on this we will let everyone know.