

NORTHWEST CONIFER GARDEN GEMS



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Mounding Plants

Abies koreana 'Silberperle'

Globe Shaped Zone 4 Miniature Green

Tiny deep green needles with silver undersides highlight the pearly white buds during the fall and winter months. The short stiff branches of this miniature Korean fir form a dense globe. A must for the avid conifer collector.

New Chamaecyparis pisifera 'Cumulus'(Iseli)

Globe Shaped Zone 4 Miniature Bluish Green

A blue gray selection of 'Squarrosa Intermedia' that provides interest with its cloud-like tufts of dense soft foliage. This miniature conifer adds dimension to your garden while maintaining a small stature without pruning. Useful for container gardening, rock gardens, and limited spaces.

Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Golden Sprite'

Globe Shaped Zone 5 Miniature Yellow

Our smallest golden Hinoki is a rounded, little, bun-shaped plant. Small thin foliage is tipped bright yellow, gradually shading to green towards the interior. An excellent trough or rock garden plant.

Cryptomeria japonica 'Tansu'

Upright Broad Zone 6 Dwarf Green

This light green slow-growing dwarf with pointed needles and broadly upright habit mimics, in miniature, a jagged mountainous outline. Even its tiny needles are to scale on this architecturally irregular gem. Perfect for the rock garden or a container. 'Tansu' bronzes in winter.

Cryptomeria japonica 'Tensan'

Globe Shaped Zone 6 Miniature Green

Extremely dense habit and possibly the smallest *Cryptomeria* cultivar available. Dark green summer color, red bronze winter color. 'Tensan' is excellent for trough or rock gardens. Siting is important for success as it is slightly less hardy and more susceptible to frost damage than other dwarf *Cryptomeria*.

Diselma archeri

Spreading Zone 8 Dwarf Green

A beautiful rare conifer with thin pendulous branches covered with rich green, scale-like soft foliage. Eventually reaching to 15' over many years, this choice specimen can be used in garden sites appropriate for dwarf *Chamaecyparis* or *Juniper*. This monotypic genus, indigenous to Australia and west Tasmania, is seldom found in cultivation.

***Juniperus squamata* 'Blue Star'**

Spreading Zone 4 Dwarf Blue

The name 'Blue Star' is wonderfully descriptive of this immensely popular plant. As broad as high, the short branches form a star-like appearance. A witch's broom selection from 'Meyeri' found in Holland about 1950.

***Pinus mugo* 'Teeny'**

Globe Shaped Zone 2 Dwarf Green

"Itsy bitsy, teeny weeny," but no "yellow polka dot bikini" here. Instead, this miniature *mugo* sports tiny, uniformly straight, rich green needles, a very neat habit and extremely slow growth. Needles are held radially, spreading out from the center on each of many, short, well-clothed branches. Terminal buds are very showy, and the tight globose plant will not outgrow even the smallest garden space.

***Pinus thunbergii* 'Thunderhead'**

Upright Broad Zone 5 Large Green

Eye-catching, brilliant white candles strikingly contrast with the thick glossy green needles. This contrast draws attention especially during the winter months.

'Thunderhead' develops a dense, billowy, cloud-like form. Considered upright in habit, it may grow as wide as tall. A popular selection of Japanese black pine. To date, regarded more disease resistant than the species.

***Pinus parviflora* 'Hagoromo'**

Globe Shaped Zone 5 Dwarf Bluish Green

A dense slow-growing form with short blue green needles. This finely textured specimen is a great choice for rock gardens or the small residential landscape and is a must for the true conifer lover. A low maintenance plant needing little or no pruning. Prefers well drained soil and full sun.

***Thuja occidentalis* 'Golden Tuffet'(Iseli)**

Spreading Zone 3 Dwarf Yellow

In hues of golden orange this pillow-shaped tuft grows wider than tall, reminiscent of a mushroom cap. The foliage has an unusual braided texture sure to invite closer inspection. Adaptable to all soil types and tolerant of full sun to part shade.

Weeping Plants

Abies alba 'Green Spiral'

Weeping Zone 4 Large Green

'Green Spiral' has dark green glossy needles, on twisting stems that spiral outward and down. Deep green, stylish habit, and moderate size make this an excellent focal point.

Chamaecyparis nootkatensis 'Jubilee'

Weeping Zone 5 Large Green

An extremely narrow selection of weeping Alaskan cedar, 'Jubilee' is a fast-growing and distinctive tree. Older plants exhibit a wonderful, spire-like main trunk with gracefully draping branches. 'Jubilee' appears to be slightly fuller than 'Strict Weeping' and is a bright green.

Picea abies 'Formanek'

Weeping Zone 3 Dwarf Green

A radically prostrate form of the Norway spruce. This plant will become a densely matted spreading carpet over time. If staked up, its branches will cascade down creating a pendulous specimen. The perfect plant to creep over and around rocks.

Tsuga canadensis 'Pendula'

Weeping Zone 4 Large Green

The popular weeping form of Canadian hemlock is a widely known and used plant, staked and trained to develop height and character. Branches are pendulous, forming a thick exterior "shell" of foliage that covers an interior scaffold.

Tall, Structural Plants

Chamaecyparis obtuse 'Spiralis'

Upright Narrow Zone 5 Dwarf Green

This upright Hinoki is unusual, with its narrow form and deep, dark green, fine textured foliage. Slow growing with branches "spiraling" outward and upward from the trunk. An everchanging, natural sculpture.

Cryptomeria japonica 'Rein's Dense Jade'

Upright Narrow Zone 6 Large Green

This plant catches the eye with its unusual texture and rich jade green color. The needles hold tightly to the stems, giving the branches a well defined formal appearance. A handsome form of the species, it turns a wonderful purple bronze in winter.

Juniperus communis 'Compressa'

Upright Narrow Zone 4 Dwarf Bluish Green

Resembles a tapered candle with silvery green foliage. 'Compressa' is a wonderful slow-growing juniper with dense vertical growing branches. This unsurpassed miniature is in perfect scale with other choice rockery plants. Use as a vertical accent in confined spaces or in containers.

Picea glauca 'Jean's Dilly' (Iseli)

Upright Narrow Zone 4 Dwarf Green

Pronounced John's Dilly. Extraordinary selection differing from 'Conica' in being smaller with shorter, thinner needles. During the growing season, needles at the end of the shoots are arranged in a distinctive twist. Spring growth starts 3-4 weeks later and plants grow at two-thirds the rate of 'Conica'. Definition of dilly: "one that is outstanding or remarkable." Found at Iseli Nursery in 1981. Named by his brother, Andre', in memory of Jean Iseli. A fitting plant in his honor.

Picea omorika 'Pendula Bruns'

Weeping Zone 4 Intermediate Bluish Green

Bicolored needles with deep greenish blue tops and silvery undersides adorn strongly weeping branches. For the most part, only the darker topsides of the needles are exposed, giving 'Pendula Bruns' a darker appearance than omorika 'Pendula'. This tall spire-shaped focal point has the narrowest silhouette of all the large upright Serbian spruce in cultivation. A selection from Bruns Nursery in Germany.

Unique, rare and focal points

Abies koreana 'Silberlocke'

Upright Broad Zone 4 Intermediate Silver

The needles of this small tree are recurved, displaying the silver white underside. This characteristic gives a gleaming color and texture effect of uncommon beauty. Formerly listed as 'Horstmann's Silberlocke'.

Cedrus deodara 'Snow Sprite'

Upright Broad Zone 7 Intermediate Yellow

This mounding, compact grower has ivory white new growth, turning creamy yellow. While a leader will develop with age, the plant remains small and compact compared to the species. A distinctive plant. Best grown in part shade.

Chamaecyparis pisifera 'Curley Tops'

Upright Broad Zone 5 Intermediate Blue

A wonderful plant, 'Curley Tops' has distinctive curled needles and bright powdery blue foliage, adding textural interest and luminescent color to the landscape. It has a broader and yet more compact habit than 'Boulevard'. This newer selection is an exciting, colorful addition to the garden or landscape.

Picea abies 'Acrocona'

Upright Broad Zone 3 Intermediate Green

Spring brings eye-catching raspberry red cones on the tips of the branches. Aptly named, 'Acrocona' means "with terminal cones on the ends of the branches." Even when young, this delightful conifer develops cones. The unusual coning habit tends to modify growth rate and shape to a broad spreading pyramid, which becomes wider than tall with age. Known since 1890, when it was found in a forest near Uppsala, Sweden.

Picea abies 'Pusch'

Upright/Broad Zone 3 Dwarf Green

A compact form of 'Acrocona,' this selection reliably produces its bright red cones at an early age. The compact form and rounded habit make it a low maintenance specimen for the garden.

Pseudotsuga menziesii Emerald Twister ('Torquis' PP#7553)

Upright Broad Zone 4 Large Green

A Douglas fir with a lot of motion to provoke a lot of emotion. Rich dark green needles adorn the twisting undulating branches. This specimen develops into a prominent living artistic sculpture. We are pleased to offer this selection from Pat Wells, Moscow, Idaho.

Sciadopitys verticillata 'Winter Green'

Upright Broad Zone 5 Large Green

'Winter Green' is an improved cultivar with size and shape similar to the species. As the name indicates, the beautiful dark glossy green is retained through winter. Another seedling selection from Sydney Waxman, University of Connecticut.

Thuja plicata 'Whipcord'(Iseli)

Globe Shaped Zone 5 Dwarf Green

Long, thick, glossy tendrils give 'Whipcord' its name. The unusual foliage is green in summer and the typical Thuja bronze in winter. It has a multi-branched and mounding habit. This mutation is nothing like the giant forest tree; after 20 years, the "mother" plant is 5' tall and 4' wide. Found in a seedbed of western red cedar at Drakes Crossing Nursery, Silverton, Oregon.

Low growing, spreading groundcovers

Cedrus deodara 'Prostrate Beauty'(Iseli)

Spreading Zone 7 Intermediate Bluish Green

This unique beauty is a real eye-catcher. A true blue, this spreading slow-grower is nearly flat when young, developing a leader with age if not pruned. New growth is light green blue. Found at Iseli Nursery in 1979. Its soft feathery look, and distinctive color and shape make it destined to be a classic among cedars.

Juniperus horizontalis 'Mother Lode'PP#5948(Iseli)

Prostrate Zone 3 Dwarf Yellow

Bright golden yellow foliage holds its color all summer in full or partial sun. Found as a sport on 'Wiltoni', 'Mother Lode' changes color in the winter becoming a rich burgundy plum, giving the garden multi-seasonal interest. Use this ground-hugging slow-growing juniper as a focal point, cascading over stonework, or as a mass planting. Discovered in 1982 at Iseli Nursery.

Pinus sylvestris 'Albyn Prostrata'

Spreading Zone 3 Intermediate Green

This vigorous spreader is an excellent groundcover, spilling over banks and rambling through garden beds. With maturity, layered branches mound in the center and taper down to the edges. A bluish cast on thick green needles adds to the interest of 'Albyn Prostrata'. Originated as a seedling around 1960 at Albyn Nursery, Newark, Ohio.

Conifers with Color

Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Fernspray Gold'

Upright Broad Zone 5 Intermediate Yellow

An eye-catching small tree with arching branches. The golden yellow flattened sprays of foliage are reminiscent of the tapering growth habit of a fern frond. Full sun and ample moisture achieve the brightest gold. Originally from Duncan and Davies, New Zealand.

Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Nana Lutea'

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Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Split Rock'

Upright Broad Zone 5 Intermediate Bluish Green

The bluest Hinoki available, this eye-catching, remarkable obtusa combines blue juvenile with blue green adult foliage. Multi-dimensional texture gives 'Split Rock' a distinctive appearance. This intermediate grower has a dense, pyramidal habit. A selection from Split Rock Nursery, Paramus, New Jersey.

Picea abies 'Rubra Spicata'

Upright Broad Zone 3 Large Green

Red new growth is an unexpected color for a spruce. For about two weeks in the spring the new growth is deep red gradually changing to red brown, then green. Its growth rate is less vigorous than the species, but eventually becomes a large tree with an open habit. 'Rubra Spicata' was found in Czechoslovakia in 1973, propagated in England, and introduced to the United States in 1981.

Picea orientalis 'Skylands'

Upright Broad Zone 4 Large Yellow

Rich yellow exterior needles contrast with the dark green interior foliage adding bright year-round color to the garden. Developing slowly in the early years, 'Skylands' achieves an upright full habit, typical of the species. Best color in full sun but may need some protection in warmer summer climates.

Pinus contorta 'Chief Joseph'

Upright Broad Zone 5 Intermediate Yellow

'Chief Joseph' shines as a bright beacon in the winter landscape with deep golden yellow winter color. Spring through fall, the color for this slow growing pine selection is medium green changing color dramatically with the shortening days and cooler temperatures of fall. Found by Doug Will in the Wallowa Mountains of northeastern Oregon. Limited Availability

Tsuga canadensis 'Albospica'

Upright Broad Zone 4 Large White

A lovely open growing hemlock. Snowy white tipped foliage stands out in stark contrast against mature, dark green needles. Bright color splash for deep shade. Cultivated since 1866.

Tsuga canadensis 'Moon Frost'

Globe Shaped Zone 4 Dwarf White

Eye-catching, bright, white, new growth that is reminiscent of frost on a moonlit night. Older inner foliage retains light tones, giving this plant an overall whitish appearance. In winter, the white foliage is blushed with pink. Developed from a seedling by Ed Wood. Globose and compact when young, 'Moon Frost' broadens and increases its growth rate with age, yet remains a reliably small dwarf plant.

Tsuga canadensis 'Summer Snow'

Upright Broad Zone 4 Intermediate White

New spring growth is white, contrasting with the dark green interior on this fast upright broad grower. 'Summer Snow' is useful as a highlight for shady areas. Originally propagated by John Mitsch, Aurora, Oregon.

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