

**ROYAL SPLENDOR® NORWAY SPRUCE  
(RFM-44)***Picea abies* 'NOEL'

**Description:** Striking evergreen landscape specimen characterized by a narrower, upsweeping branch angle with brighter emerald-green needle color.

**Hardiness:** USDA hardiness zone 3-7

**Mature Size:** Height: 40', Spread: 25'

**Form:** Narrowly-pyramidal habit.

**Growth Rate:** Medium to fast (especially in youth).

**Foliage:** Bright green, semi glossy needles year-round, devoid of drooping, pendulous tertiary branchlets, which typify this species.

**Texture:** Medium

**Flowers:** Monoecious, male flowers are infrequent, female flowers are terminal in crown and ruby-red.

**Fruit:** 3 - 5" cylindrical cone, light brown at maturity.

**Special Features:** Upright narrowly-pyramidal branching.

**Light Preference:** Full sun to very light shade.

**Soil Preference:** Performs best in well-drained soil and is tolerant of higher pH soils.

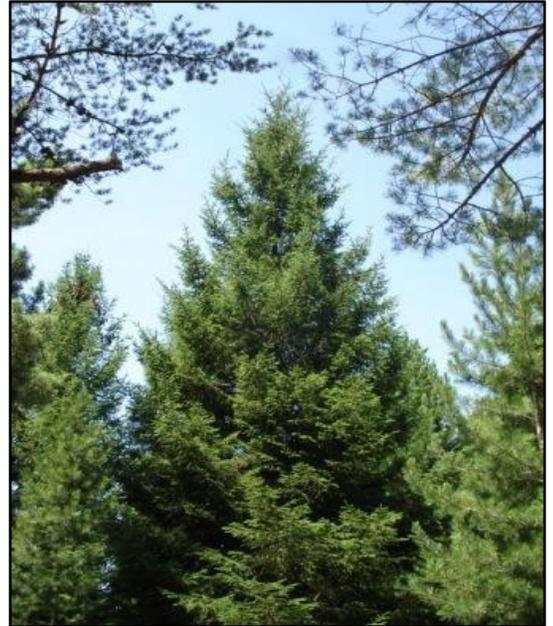
**Propagation:** Side grafting or semi-hardwood cuttings.

**Ornamental Attributes:** Royal Splendor® is an outstanding ornamental selection of Norway Spruce with brighter green foliage and perfect narrowly-pyramidal growth habit.

**Landscape Attributes:** Recommended as a landscape specimen tree in more open areas or as a nice upright screening tree. Royal Splendor® Norway Spruce maintains a narrowly-pyramidal form which is not typical of the species which typically develops drooping pendulous tertiary branchlets when mature. This is not the typical Norway Spruce to hide in a windbreak.

**Comments:** Deer resistant

**Availability:** Iseli Nursery (2013 - limited availability),  
Oregon ride Nurseries, Inc

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