



Black Hills Spruce - Hardy and drought resistant.

**Leaf:** Evergreen, stiff, 1/3 to 3/4 inch long, green to blue-green in color, square in cross section. When crushed a pungent odor is apparent. Needle tips are pointed, but not sharp.

**Flower:** Monoecious; males reddish but turning yellow; females purple.

**Fruit:** Cones are 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches long, cigar-shaped, light brown in color. Scales are rounded with entire margins. Maturing in August.

**Twig:** Slender, light brown or pale, sometimes glaucous, hairless. Needles borne on woody pegs.

**Bark:** Thin, gray-brown in color, smooth, later flaky or scaly.

**Form:** Conical, medium-sized trees.