North Dakota Tree Selector

Spruce, Black Hills - *Picea glauca var.* densata

A large tree, very dense and pyramidal when young. Not as drought tolerant as Colorado (blue) spruce, but more disease tolerant than Colorado (blue) spruce. Black Hills spruce is a naturally occurring variety of white spruce (*Picea glauca*) native to South Dakota. Better adapted than white spruce which is native in the eastern United States, as far west as Minnesota. The largest Black Hills spruce tree in North Dakota is 98 feet tall with a canopy spread of 43 feet.

| General | |
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| Family | Pinaceae - Pine |
| Hardiness | To Zone 2 |
| Leaves | Evergreen |
| Plant Type | Tree |

| Growth | |
|---------------|--------|
| Growth Rate | Medium |
| Mature Height | >45' |
| Longevity | Long |
| Power Line | No |

| Ornamental | | |
|--------------|---------------|--|
| Flowers | Inconspicuous | |
| Flower Color | n/a | |
| Fall Color | n/a | |
| Fruit Color | Tan | |

| Tolerances | | |
|------------|--------|--|
| Shade | Low | |
| Drought | Medium | |
| Flooding | Low | |
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