



## Picea abies 'Inversa'



<b>Height</b>	5 - 8 m
<b>Width</b>	2-3m
<b>Crown</b>	narrow weeping, dark, dense crown, capricious growing
<b>Bark and branches</b>	bark grey, peeling off in sheets, twigs reddish-brown
<b>Leaf</b>	pointy needles, glossy dark green, 1.5 - 2.5 cm, evergreen
<b>Flowers</b>	unremarkable, upright, light pink, from red to yellow, April/May
<b>Fruits</b>	hanging, cylindrical cones, 10 - 15 cm long
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	loamy, moisture-retentive and acidic
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	3 (-40,0 to -24,5 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	good
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
<b>Application</b>	small gardens
<b>Shape</b>	specimen conifer
<b>Origin</b>	R. Smith Nursery, Worcester, England, 1862

A densely branched, slow-growing weeping shape, with the main trunk usually being trained upwards to achieve a certain height. From the point where support is lacking, the main branch hangs down sharply. All lateral branches also hang down sharply, close up against the trunk. At a more mature age, the lateral branches even grow along the ground, creating a very characteristic shape. Width approx. 2 – 2.5 m. 'Inversa' can also be cultivated without support, then the plant takes on a creeping manner of growth. This makes it suitable also for large rock gardens. The female flowers are light pink: the red male flowers turn yellow from the pollen. The hanging cones are 10 - 15 cm long and about 3 - 4 cm wide. The tree does not grow well in sunny, dry sites. Tolerates pruning well.