



Picea abies 'Nidiformis'



Height	2-3 m
Width	3-4m
Crown	round/spherical, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	grey
Leaf	green, evergreen
Flowers	light violet, yellow, flowers in April
Fruits	hanging, cylindrical cones, 10 - 15 cm long
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, acid soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	3 (-40,0 to -24,5 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	specimen conifer

Picea abies 'Nidiformis' is a shrubby cultivar that, after many years, can reach a height of 2 to 3 m at more than 4 m in diameter. Initially the plant has a spherical shape, later in life the crown will be more flattened to nest-like, with the centre of the plant lower than the edges of the crown. Young twigs are reddish-brown, older twigs and trunk are grey. The needles are dark green to dark blue-green. With a magnifying glass, you can see that the edges of the needles possess a number of very small teeth, the feature to distinguish 'Nidiformis'. Cones are formed only sporadically. This cultivar is very suitable for use in (small) gardens, parks, cemeteries, containers, etc. Picea abies 'Nidiformis' was found at Rulemann Grisson's nursery in Sasselheide, near Hamburg, Germany, in 1904. Hardiness zone: 3