



## Picea abies 'Inversa'



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| <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.