



## Picea abies 'Nidiformis'



<b>Height</b>	2-3 m
<b>Width</b>	3-4m
<b>Crown</b>	round/spherical, dark, dense crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	grey
<b>Leaf</b>	green, evergreen
<b>Flowers</b>	light violet, yellow, flowers in April
<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 soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, acid soil
<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>	tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
<b>Shape</b>	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