



Picea abies 'Inversa'



Height	5 - 8 m
Width	2-3m
Crown	narrow weeping, dark, dense crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	bark grey, peeling off in sheets, twigs reddish-brown
Leaf	pointy needles, glossy dark green, 1.5 - 2.5 cm, evergreen
Flowers	unremarkable, ♀ upright, light pink, ♂ from red to yellow, April/May
Fruits	hanging, cylindrical cones, 10 - 15 cm long
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	loamy, moisture-retentive and acidic
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	small gardens
Shape	specimen conifer
Origin	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.