

FUNKY CONES

Conifers are cone bearing trees with the cones being the seed bearers. Cones are clusters of modified, tightly packed woody scales that protect the conifer seed inside. Conifers have both male and female cones, male for pollen and female for the seeds. The scales of the cones overlap each other to protect the seeds.

This selection of conifers have unique cones that create a beautiful and unique show in the spring and many persist throughout the summer and fall. Their dark green or blue foliage make a great backdrop for the cones which range in shape from long and skinny to short & stubby. Cones can also be used as home décor indoors.



Picea abies 'Acrocona' (Weeping Norway Spruce)
Zone 3 - Profuse, spectacular new pink cones hang down from heavy, pendulous boughs and contrast well with the chartreuse new growth. A unique and gorgeous cultivar. 3-4M/10-12' tall by 4-5M/12-16' wide. Pictured at top right.



Pinus strobus 'Pendula' (Weeping Eastern White Pine) Zone 3 - Weeping form, usually staked upright for a tall slender display or trained a low broad form. Graceful habit, with long soft green twisty needles with a silver stripe and smooth gray bark. Final size depends on training. Pictured at top left.



Abies koreana 'Silberlocke' (Korean Fir)
Zone 4 - Pyramidal conifer with unique foliage. The needles curl backwards to show the white underside of the needle, amazing contrast. Blue to violet purple cones are held upright near the stem. 2.5M/8' tall by 1.25M/4' wide in 10 years. Pictured at right.



Picea glauca 'Hudsonii' (Hudsonii White Spruce) Zone 3 - Tight, narrow upright habit with short blue needles. Young cones are long and narrow, starting green and turning purple with age. Slow growing. 4.5M/15' tall by 2M/6' wide in 10 years. Pictured at right.



Picea likingensis 'Purpurea' (Purple Likiang Spruce) Zone 4 - Unique silver stripe on under side of the green needle. Immature cones are bright pink, turning to a rich purple. Upright pyramidal habit. 15M/50' tall by 7.5M/25' wide. Pictured at middle (young cones) and bottom left (mature cones).