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UPRIGHT CONIFERS



Narrow, upright conifers create an attractive, year-round vertical accent in the landscape, drawing attention like a giant exclamation mark ! Some upright conifers may be strictly columnar, their branches hugging the main leader, while others are narrowly pyramidal with a wider base, often combined with a pendulous habit which creates a softer, more delicate look. Both maintain a slender silhouette suitable for smaller gardens and narrow spaces.



Chamaecyparis nootkatensis 'Green Arrow' (Green Arrow Weeping Nootka Cypress) Zone 5 - A much narrower form of Chamaecyparis nootkatensis 'Pendula' with darker foliage. It's extremely tight habit makes it an excellent choice for narrow spaces, or wherever a "loud" focal point is needed! 10.0mH x 1.0mW. Pictured at right.



Picea glauca 'Pendula' (Weeping White Spruce)

Zone 2 - Discovered near Guelph, Ontario. Tightly downward weeping branches and a strong central leader, that does not need staking, make for a beautiful narrow conifer. The needles are bluish-green and emerge light green in spring. 3.0mH x 70cmW in 10 years. Pictured at left.

Picea pungens Iseli 'Fastigiata' (Fastigate Blue Spruce)

Zone 2 - Strong upright fastigate habit. Excellent narrow growing conifer with steel blue foliage. 3.0mH x 1.0mW. Pictured at right.



Pinus nigra 'Arnold's Sentinel' (Fastigate Austrian Pine)

Zone 4 - Upright, columnar pine with a dense, strictly upright branching habit. Excellent choice for a vertical accent in the landscape. Long dark green needles. 6.0mH x 2.0mW. Pictured at left.

Picea omorika 'Brun's Pendula' (Brun's Weeping Serbian Spruce)

Zone 4 - Probably the narrowest of the upright Serbian Spruce cultivars with a strong weeping habit. Will need staking and has free form tendency giving an artistic character to the tree. 2.5mH x 60cmW in 10 years. Pictured at right.



Thuja occidentalis 'De Groot's Spire' (De Groot's Spire Cedar)

Zone 3b - An excellent narrow, columnar cedar with dark green foliage and interesting texture. A Sheridan Nurseries introduction. 4.0mH x 1.0mW. Pictured at left.



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