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8242 - 10 Norway Spruces + 2 American Redbuds

## **START HERE:** Guide to Your New Trees

Please refer to the information below to identify each tree or shrub species in your bundle and to ensure proper planting sites and conditions for each.

### **IDENTIFICATION CHART**

10 Norway Spruces + 2 American Redbuds  
(Tree Package 8242)

<b>Species</b>	<b>Paint Color</b>
10 Norway Spruces ( <i>Picea abies</i> )	No Paint
2 American Redbuds ( <i>Cercis canadensis</i> )	Red Bag

More information about your tree or shrub package inside ...

## NORWAY SPRUCE *Picea abies*

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Number of Trees: 10

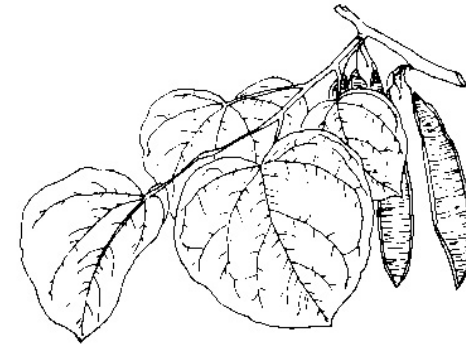
The **Norway Spruce** is a familiar sight throughout the United States. Growing in a pyramidal form, the young branches grow upward, and as the tree matures, lower branches droop and all branches assume a slight upward sweep. Secondary branches give it a graceful appearance. The stiff, dark green needles are retained on the tree for several years before dropping. Cones 4"-6" long are formed around age 30. The seeds and tender foliage are eaten by birds and mammals, while lower branches offer protective cover for larger animals.

Recommended windbreak spacing is 6'-13' between trees and 16'-25' between rows. For a hedge, shear the new shoots while the year's growth is still soft.

<b>Mature Height</b>	40'–60'
<b>Mature Canopy Spread</b>	25'–30'
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Medium (13"–24" per year) to Fast (25" or greater per year)
<b>Sun Preference</b>	Full Sun
<b>Soil Preference</b>	Acidic, Clay, Drought-tolerant, Loamy, Moist, Sandy, Well-drained

## AMERICAN REDBUD *Cercis canadensis*

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Number of Trees: 2

Known as the harbinger of spring, the **American Redbud's** delicate blossoms and buds are one of the season's most dramatic displays. But this tree's beauty doesn't end with its flowery show. Unique and irregular branching patterns combine with a trunk that commonly divides close to the ground to create a very handsome, spreading, and often flat-topped crown.

The American Redbud blooms in a profusion of rosy pink flowers in April and features heart-shaped leaves that emerge a reddish color, turning dark green as summer approaches, then yellow in the fall.

<b>Mature Height</b>	20'–30'
<b>Mature Canopy Spread</b>	25'–35'
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Medium (13"–24" per year)
<b>Sun Preference</b>	Full Sun, Partial Shade
<b>Soil Preference</b>	Acidic or Alkaline, Clay, Loamy, Rich Sandy, Well-drained