

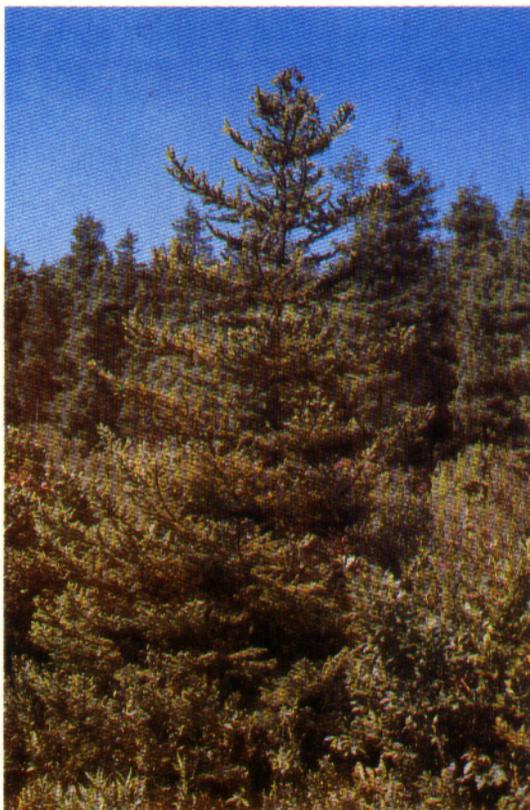
BLACK SPRUCE

Picea mariana

Located in bogs and on the cool slopes of mountains in northern New Jersey and north. Also known as Bog-Spruce.

A small evergreen sometimes growing along the ground in mats or in tree-form normally not exceeding 10 m (rarely to 30 m) tall. The buds and branches are hairy. Thickish leaves usually 6 to 10 mm long, pale bluish-green, often with white powder. Leaves densely cover the branches. Small cones, 2 to 3 cm long, oval, dull grayish-brown, often remaining on tree for 2 or 3 years.

Tree provides excellent nesting, roosting and winter cover; needles serve as food for grouse, deer and small mammals; seeds serve as food for song birds, small mammals and deer.





Notes