PLANT FACT SHEET

Picea breweriana S. Watson

GENUS *Picea* **FAMILY** Pinaceae

COMMON NAMES Weeping spruce, Brewer Spruce, Brewer's weeping spruce

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, bark, Seeds, Tea

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 9-15 m high and spreads 3-4.5 m wide. The branches dip then turn up at the end. The shoots hang giving a weeping appearance. The leaves are stiff, fleshy needles which come out almost at right angles. The leaves are blue-green. The male flowers are orange and the female flowers are greenish. The cones are slightly curved and ripen to brown in the autumn.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is frost hardy. It does best in moist soil. It can stand shade or sun. It grows naturally in mountains in California in the United States. It grows between 1,200-2,100 m altitude. It suits hardiness zones 2-8. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees grow slowly.

NOTES

There are between 30 and 40 species of Picea.

PICTURES



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