



# Springboro Tree Farms

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## Norway Spruce

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Picea abies*

FAMILY: Pinaceae

ORIGIN: Northern, Central and Eastern Europe

*Picea abies*, the Norway Spruce or European spruce, is a species of spruce native to Northern, Central and Eastern Europe. It has branchlets that typically hang downwards, and the largest cones of any spruce, 9–17 cm long.

While native to Europe, for well over a century the Norway Spruce has been planted in this country for both ornamental and utilitarian purposes. The tree roots are strong and the trees can withstand high winds, making them excellent windbreaks.



We planted this one in 2008. It was first planted in the Christmas tree grove and then transplanted to its current site about 2010.



Norway Spruce make good Christmas trees when they are smaller. But they are somewhat prickly and tend to lose their needles sooner than other species such as the Canaan.