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# Discover Nordic™!

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# Nordic™

Midwest's Scandinavian roots are in the Nordic Country of Denmark, so it's only fitting for Midwest to introduce Nordic™ plants. Although not all Nordic™ plants were discovered in Denmark, our original three selections were. Plants that have the following characteristics can be considered a Nordic™ selection:

- Durable • Tough • Practical
- Hardy • Vigorous • Functional



Cotoneaster Nordic Carpet®



Thuja x Nordic Spire™



Juniperus Nordic Blue™

*Cotoneaster Nordic Carpet*® was introduced to Midwest in the early 1990's through Danish plant connections. A cultivar of *Cotoneaster dammeri*, Nordic Carpet® is an unusually low-growing semi-evergreen shrub with glossy green leaves that turn bronze-green in fall. Small red berries follow white flowers, making this a charming little groundcover.

*Thuja x Nordic Spire*™ is a cross of *T. plicata* and *T. standishii*. Nordic Spire™ was a selection by Anton Thomsen\* from the Forest Arboretum in Denmark. It was bred for improved resistance to blight. Another improvement as the result of the breeding is the strong central leader that prevents splitting. The sweeping branches and graceful habit of Nordic Spire™ make this a nice addition to any large landscape.

*Juniperus Nordic Blue*™, formerly known as 'Blue Mountain', is a cultivar of *Juniperus virginiana*, a selection by Anton Thomsen for its strong disease resistance. This soft-needled juniper has a slightly arching branch habit and stunning persistent gray-blue berries. *Juniperus Nordic Blue*™ has been successfully propagated and grown in the landscape with little maintenance since the 1970's. A tried and true Nordic™ plant!

\* Anton Thomsen was a long-time colleague and mentor of Peter Orum; our newest growing center in Virgil is named for him.