

COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE

Picea pungens



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Mature Height	50 to 75 Feet	Soil Type	Widely Adaptable
Mature Spread	25 Feet	Flower Color	Inconspicuous
Mature Form	Pyramidal	Foliage Color	Blue-Green to Green
Growth Rate	Slow to Medium	Fall Color	Blue-Green to Green
Sun Exposure	Full Sun	Zones	2-8
Soil Moisture	Average Moisture		

The Colorado Blue Spruce, *Picea pungens*, is one of our most popular ornamental trees. It is native to the higher elevations of the Rocky Mountains, but adapts well to the Midwest. It has many attributes that make it well suited for yard plantings—magnificent color, conical shape, a strong root system and is adaptable to almost all soil conditions. Not all trees have the blue color - some are green in color.

It is an excellent border, screen and windbreak tree. This spruce provides food, shelter and nesting areas for many songbird species. It is also a good choice for buffering urban sounds. This tree begins to decline after about 30 years of age, dropping some of its bottom limbs and takes on a scraggly appearance. Spruces take a lot of room as the lower limbs mature and can extend over sidewalks, driveways, patios and similar areas.



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