

Colorado Blue Spruce



Best used on large properties due to its mature size. Use it to separate tall multistory buildings or in shelterbelts and windbreaks. Tall enough to screen the view from second- or third-story windows. Gorgeous in estate-sized forests of broadleaf and conifers, where it stands out against deciduous trees and blankets of snow.

Picea pungens 'Glauca'

- **Use:** A popular, slow-growing evergreen conifer known for its striking blue-green to silvery needles and strict conical, pyramidal habit. Native to the Rocky Mountains, it is highly cold-hardy, drought-resistant, and adaptable to many soils, making it excellent for screening or as a specimen.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Choose a site that mostly full sun, but a little afternoon shade in the hottest part of the day. The site should have a slight slope, to help water move away from the roots. Will not tolerate heavy clay or poorly draining soil, best to amend with sand or gritty well-draining soil.
- **Growth:** Reaches 10-12 ft. tall in 10 years; 40-60 ft. tall, 10-20 ft. wide with age.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 2-8; Shrub Protect from summer sun in Zone 7/8.
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. Characterized by stiff, prickly, and sharp-pointed needles that feature a striking blue-green to silver-blue or powder-blue color
- **Flower:** Not known for flowers. Produces cylinder-shaped, light-brown cones that typically measure 2 to 4 inches long and about 1 ½ inches wide.

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