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Colorado Blue Spruce

Picea pungens 'var. glauca'

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Blue Colorado Spruce

Description:

****TREE NOT RECOMMENDED BY WASCO NURSERY DUE TO DISEASE ISSUES.**** Similar alternative:
https://plants.wasconursery.com/12120015/Plant/1061/Black_Hills_Spruce

Ornamental Features

Colorado Blue Spruce is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage which emerges blue in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. The rough gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Colorado Blue Spruce is a dense evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree. When pruning is necessary, it is recommended to only trim back the new growth of the current season, other than to remove any dieback. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Colorado Blue Spruce
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Colorado Blue Spruce foliage
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Colorado Blue Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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Planting & Growing

Colorado Blue Spruce will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 80 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.