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The Blues Colorado Blue Spruce

Picea pungens 'The Blues'



The Blues Colorado Blue Spruce
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 7 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Blue Colorado Spruce;Colorado Blue Spruce

Description:

A lovely dwarf weeping evergreen accent tree that will reach 6 ft in 10 years; a sought after tree, with bright blue fine needles, it makes a stunning visual impact on the landscape; very hardy and adaptable



The Blues Colorado Blue Spruce foliage
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Ornamental Features

The Blues Colorado Blue Spruce is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its highly ornamental weeping form. It has attractive steel blue evergreen foliage which emerges silvery blue in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and remain steel blue throughout the winter. The rough gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

The Blues Colorado Blue Spruce is a dense evergreen shrub with a strong central leader and a rounded form and gracefully weeping branches. 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 shrub. 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.

The Blues Colorado Blue Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

The Blues Colorado Blue Spruce will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 80 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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.