## Hoopsii Blue Spruce

***Picea pungens 'Hoopsii'***



*Hoopsii Blue Spruce*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: Blue Colorado Spruce;Colorado Blue Spruce

**Description:**

A shimmering blue evergreen accent tree, narrowly spire-shaped with large stout branches and long, very pointy silvery-blue needles, a tree of great beauty and color which is retained throughout the year; extremely hardy and rugged

**Ornamental Features**

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



*Hoopsii Blue Spruce foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Landscape Attributes**

Hoopsii 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.

Hoopsii Blue Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent

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**Planting & Growing**

Hoopsii Blue Spruce will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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 growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. 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.

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