

Colorado Blue Spruce

(Picea pungens)

Producing soft white wood and straight, mast-like trunks with scaly bark, spruces are pyramidal trees with regular whorls of horizontal branches. The Blue Spruce is a slow growing tree that does best on well-drained sites. The 1-inch long, stiff needles will become tinted blue with age. This handsome ornamental is popular for Christmas trees, can be grown 6 feet apart for a dense screen or windbreak, and makes a lovely specimen when planted alone. It can reach six feet in 10 to 14 years, and will grow to 100 feet at maturity.