



Picea pungens 'Hoopsii'



Height	10 - 15 m
Width	3-5m
Crown	broad pyramidal, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	bark greyish black, scaled, twigs glossy orange-brown
Leaf	stiff, pointy needles, intensely silvery blue, 2 - 3 cm, evergreen
Flowers	unremarkable
Fruits	hanging, cylindrical cones, 4 - 10 cm long
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	nutrient-rich, moisture-retentive, preferably not too acidic
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), provides food for birds
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, industrial areas
Shape	clearstem tree, specimen conifer
Origin	Grootendorst, Boskoop, Netherlands, 1958

Broad, pyramidal tree with dense, regular and more or less horizontal branching. The tree can grow to approx. 10 - 15 m in height and 5 m in width. The trunk is greyish brown, turning greyish black later, deeply scaled: the bare twigs are orange-brown. The intensely silvery blue colour of the stiff, very pointy, closely grouped needles is striking. Its long, cylindrical cones are green at first and turn yellowish brown as they ripen. This Picea makes little demands when it comes to soil type but does require a sunny site. It tolerates dryness better than other spruces and is resistant to urban climates and air pollution. 'Hoopsii' is one of the best blue spruces.