



## Picea pungens 'Snowkiss'



Height	4 - 6 (10) m
Width	2-3m
Crown	broad pyramidal, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	twigs orange-brown, bark black-grey, scaly
Leaf	stiff, prickly needles, intense light blue-grey, 2 - 3 cm, evergreen
Flowers	inconspicuous
Fruits	pendent cylindrical cones, 4 - 10 cm long
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	fertile, moist, 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, small gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, specimen conifer
Origin	Iseli Nursery, Boring, OR, USA, 1965
Synonyms	Picea pungens 'Snowkist'

A broad pyramidal tree bearing a strong resemblance to 'Hoopsii'. Usually grows to around 6 m tall but in exceptional cases, this tree can reach 10 m. The branching is dense, regular and more or less horizontal. The bark is grey-brown, later turning black-grey and deeply scaly. The young twigs are orange-brown. The stiff and spiky needles are intense light blue-grey and very striking. The long cylindrical cones are green first, turning yellowish brown when ripening. A lovely shape that is suitable for use in modern designs. 'Snowkiss' has few demands as to soil, as long as it is fertile enough and moist, requires a sunny position. It tolerates slightly more drought than other species and can withstand an urban climate and air pollution.