



Picea breweriana



Height	20 – 30 (35) m
Width	6-8m
Crown	broad conical, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	twigs light red to reddish brown, bark grey, smooth to slightly shallow grooved
Leaf	stiff, spirally set, forward, glossy dark green, 1.5 - 3 cm long, underside with two greenish white lenticel stripes
Flowers	♂ light brown to orange brown, 2 - 2.5 cm, ♀ green, purple when ripe
Fruits	slightly curved, cylindrical cones, 8 - 12 cm long and 3 - 4 cm wide, reddish brown
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, acid soil
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil, suitable for wet soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6b (-20,5 to -17,8 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Shape	specimen conifer

Picea breweriana is a large, upright growing conifer with a typical, very recognisable shape. It grows with a continuous central branch upwards, from which almost horizontally standing upright branches grow. The side branches growing from the upright branches hang down sharply. Because the side branches also grow from the terminal buds, these branches can become very long. The tree branches well and, thanks to its fairly long needles, Picea breweriana looks nicely "full". Despite its size and dense habit, it is a graceful conifer. Very suitable for use as a solitary in large gardens, parks and cemeteries. Picea breweriana only occurs in a relatively small area on the US west coast, where the tree grows in the Siskiyou Mountains at altitudes between about 1,000 m and 2,300 m. In nature, therefore, this species is relatively rare.