



Sester Dwarf Blue Spruce

Picea pungens 'Sester Dwarf'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Blue Colorado Spruce; Colorado Blue Spruce

Description:

Stunning blue needles, slow growth rate, and a classic conical form make this dwarf spruce an ideal plant for the modern landscape; like a perfect miniature version of the Colorado blue spruce, requires little maintenance to maintain its tidy form

Ornamental Features

Sester Dwarf Blue Spruce is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden 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.

Landscape Attributes

Sester Dwarf Blue Spruce is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with 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 shrub. When pruning is necessary, it is recommended to only trim back the new growth of the current season, other than to remove any dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Sester Dwarf Blue Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use



Sester Dwarf Blue Spruce
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Planting & Growing

Sester Dwarf Blue Spruce will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. 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.



Sester Dwarf Blue Spruce foliage
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