



## Montgomery Blue Spruce

*Picea pungens* 'Montgomery'

Height: 7 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Blue Colorado Spruce; Colorado Blue Spruce

### Description:

A small, dense mounded shrub, very unlike the species, starting as a mound and eventually becoming a miniature Christmas tree-like shape, adaptable and hardy; intensely silver-blue needles, an excellent choice for form and color in the garden composition

### Ornamental Features

Montgomery 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

Montgomery Blue Spruce is a dense evergreen shrub with a strong central leader and 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.

Montgomery Blue Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Vertical Accent
- General Garden Use

### Planting & Growing

Montgomery Blue Spruce will grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.



*Montgomery Blue Spruce*  
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This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. 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.

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