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Baby Blue Eyes Spruce

Picea pungens 'Baby Blue Eyes'



Baby Blue Eyes Spruce
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Blue Colorado Spruce;Colorado Blue Spruce

Description:

A stunningly beautiful and uniquely colored evergreen with sharp and pointy silvery-blue to nearly gray needles that retain their color well over the entire season; tolerates dry locations and some light shade which results in a richer blue color

Ornamental Features

Baby Blue Eyes Spruce is primarily valued in the landscape 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. The rough gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.



Baby Blue Eyes Spruce foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Baby Blue Eyes Spruce is a dense evergreen tree 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 tree. When pruning is necessary, it is recommended to only trim back the new growth of the current season, other than to remove any dieback. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Baby Blue Eyes Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- General Garden Use
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts

Planting & Growing

Baby Blue Eyes Spruce will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 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 80 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.



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