

## *Hoopsii Colorado Spruce*

*(Picea Pungens 'Hoopsii')*

Mature Height: 30'-50'

Mature Spread: 15'-20'

Growth Rate: Moderate

The Hoopsii Colorado Spruce is easily the bluest of the grafted blue spruce. It tends to be narrower and more open than many of the cultivars, giving it a more natural look in the landscape. This also allows it to be planted in smaller spaces than the species in general. It has the same general characteristics as seed-grown Colorado Spruce in that it does not tolerate wet soils and needs plenty of water the first two years to get established. Being a grafted tree, it maintains its silvery-blue color year after year. It makes an excellent accent plant and a striking windbreak. Its more open growth habit makes it a favorite of songbirds for nest building. The Hoopsii Colorado Spruce tends to grow slightly faster than the species, and does best in full sun, but will tolerate a small amount of shade.



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