

Colorado Spruce

(Picea pungens 'Glauca')

Mature Height: 30'-60'

Mature Spread: 20'-30'

Growth Rate: Moderate

The Colorado Spruce is very well adapted to conditions in the Great Plains, and has been the most frequently planted spruce in Nebraska for many years. It is heat and drought tolerant and will do well in a variety of soil pH conditions.

The color can range from dark green to pale, silvery blue, and can even vary from year to year. Grafted varieties that retain their blue coloration such as *Bacherii* and *Hoopsii*

are popular in the landscapes. It does not do as well in heavy, clay or wet soils. If planted in this type of soil, care must be taken to make sure that the trees are not over-watered. Colorado Spruce has proven its value as both a windbreak and a landscape tree in the Midwest and will continue to be important well into the future.



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