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**COLORADO SPRUCE**

*Picea pungens*

**Distribution:** The Colorado “Blue” Spruce is native to intermountain states of the west but is mainly planted as ornamental landscape specie.

**Growth Habit:** Colorado Spruce is a broad dense pyramidal tree with horizontal branches extending to the ground. It can reach over 60 feet high with a canopy spread up to 25 feet. Bark is scaly, flaky ash brown. Enjoys full sun and does not tolerate shade.

**Adaptability:** Colorado Spruce does not tolerate flooding. Performs best on moist to well drained soils.

**Uses:** Medium to tall evergreen for farmstead and field windbreaks along with a wonderful nesting site for birds. Wood is used for firewood which burns fast-good for kindling. Many people enjoy them each year as a Christmas tree.

