## Monty® Blue Spruce

***Picea pungens 'IMNoHoop'***



*Monty Blue Spruce foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Spacing: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Blue Colorado Spruce;Colorado Blue Spruce

**Description:**

A compact, dwarf spruce presenting a classic Christmas tree shape with a full, well branching habit; adaptable and hardy; long, thin intensely silver-blue needles, an excellent choice for form and color in the garden composition

**Ornamental Features**

Monty 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**

Monty Blue Spruce is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

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. 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.

Monty Blue Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Vertical Accent
- General Garden Use

**Planting & Growing**

Monty Blue Spruce will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 6 feet apart. 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.

This shrub 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 considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. 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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