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Dear Member,

Thank you for contributing to the Arbor Day Foundation and for sharing our mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. Please enjoy these free trees as a sign of our appreciation.

Your trees have arrived in a bundle; please separate them before planting. Included is a guide to help ensure proper planting conditions. Complete planting and transplanting instructions are in the enclosed *Tree Planting Guide*, and more information is available online at arborday.org/plant or by scanning the QR code below.

Because we want your planting experience to be successful, your trees are guaranteed to arrive healthy and to grow, or they will be replaced within one year of shipment.

If you need further assistance, please contact Member Services at info@arborday.org or 888-448-7337.

Best regards,

The Arbor Day Foundation Team



Scan for tree planting
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COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE *Picea pungens*



The **Colorado blue spruce** has a symmetrical pyramidal form. Dense branches extend to the ground when young; with age, the branches begin to droop and the crown often becomes open and irregular. The 1"-1½" stiff, prickly needles vary in color from silver to blue-green. The 2½"-4" cones are formed after 20 years of age with full crops occurring every two to three years thereafter. This evergreen provides seeds, nesting, roosting, and cover for animals, but the foliage is not a preferred food.

The Colorado blue spruce adapts well to a wide range of conditions including dry and acidic to slightly alkaline soils, sandy to heavy clay, dry heat, full sun to partial shade, and wind. It prefers full sun and acidic, moist, well-drained soil. Plant 8'-12' apart for a windbreak. This native tree is slow-growing and long-lived, surviving up to 600 years or more in the wild.

Number of Trees: 10

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| Mature Height | 50'–75' |
| Mature Canopy Spread | 10'–20' |
| Growth Rate | Slow (less than 13" per year) to Medium (13"–24" per year) |
| Sun Preference | Full Sun |
| Soil Preference | Acidic, Clay, Drought-tolerant, Loamy, Moist, Rich, Sandy, Well-drained, or Wet |