



## Picea pungens 'Hoopsii'



<b>Height</b>	10 - 15 m
<b>Crown</b>	broad pyramidal, dark, dense crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	bark greyish black, scaled, twigs glossy orange-brown
<b>Leaf</b>	stiff, pointy needles, intensely silvery blue, 2 - 3 cm, evergreen
<b>Flowers</b>	unremarkable
<b>Fruits</b>	hanging, cylindrical cones, 4 - 10 cm long
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	nutrient-rich, moisture-retentive, preferably not too acidic
<b>Soil moisture</b>	suitable for dry soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	moderate
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
<b>Fauna tree</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), provides food for birds
<b>Application</b>	parks, tree containers, cemeteries, roof gardens, industrial areas, large gardens
<b>Shape</b>	specimen conifer
<b>Origin</b>	Grootendorst, Boskoop, Netherlands, 1958

Broad, pyramidal tree with dense, regular and more or less horizontal branching. The tree can grow to approx. 10 - 15 m in height and 5 m in width. The trunk is greyish brown, turning greyish black later, deeply scaled: the bare twigs are orange-brown. The intensely silvery blue colour of the stiff, very pointy, closely grouped needles is striking. Its long, cylindrical cones are green at first and turn yellowish brown as they ripen. This Picea makes little demands when it comes to soil type but does require a sunny site. It tolerates dryness better than other spruces and is resistant to urban climates and air pollution. 'Hoopsii' is one of the best blue spruces.