



## Picea pungens 'Snowkiss'



<b>Height</b>	4 - 6 (10) m
<b>Crown</b>	broad pyramidal, dark, dense crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	twigs orange-brown, bark black-grey, scaly
<b>Leaf</b>	stiff, prickly needles, intense light blue-grey, 2 - 3 cm, evergreen
<b>Flowers</b>	inconspicuous
<b>Fruits</b>	pendent 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>	fertile, moist, 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, small gardens
<b>Shape</b>	specimen conifer
<b>Origin</b>	Iseli Nursery, Boring, OR, USA, 1965
<b>Synonyms</b>	Picea pungens 'Snowkist'

A broad pyramidal tree bearing a strong resemblance to 'Hoopsii'. Usually grows to around 6 m tall but in exceptional cases, this tree can reach 10 m. The branching is dense, regular and more or less horizontal. The bark is grey-brown, later turning black-grey and deeply scaly. The young twigs are orange-brown. The stiff and spiky needles are intense light blue-grey and very striking. The long cylindrical cones are green first, turning yellowish brown when ripening. A lovely shape that is suitable for use in modern designs. 'Snowkiss' has few demands as to soil, as long as it is fertile enough and moist, requires a sunny position. It tolerates slightly more drought than other species and can withstand an urban climate and air pollution.