

# Gertens Plant Info.



## Meyer's Blue Spruce

*Picea meyeri*

Height: 45 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Chinese Blue Spruce

### Description:

A beautiful medium growing blue-green spruce with short needles; its shape, color and excellent needle retention make it ideal as an ornamental tree; more disease resistant than Colorado spruce and considered a good replacement

### Ornamental Features

Meyer's Blue Spruce is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage. The needles are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. The smooth gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

### Landscape Attributes

Meyer's Blue Spruce is a dense evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a high maintenance tree that will require regular care and upkeep. 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.

Meyer's Blue Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Meyer's Blue Spruce*  
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*Meyer's Blue Spruce foliage*  
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- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts

## **Planting & Growing**

Meyer's Blue Spruce will grow to be about 45 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a low canopy, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 80 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. 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 species is not originally from North America.

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