



## Dwarf Spreading Colorado Blue Spruce

*Picea pungens 'Procumbens'*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Blue Colorado Spruce; Colorado Blue Spruce

### Description:

A ground-hugging trailing shrub with beautiful blue foliage; sometimes the branches cascade down, sometimes they remaining stiffly horizontal; can be draped over a rock wall or slope for a dramatic landscape effect

### Ornamental Features

Dwarf Spreading Colorado Blue Spruce is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive silvery blue evergreen foliage. The needles are highly ornamental and remain silvery blue throughout the winter.

### Landscape Attributes

Dwarf Spreading Colorado Blue Spruce is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a high maintenance shrub 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.

Dwarf Spreading Colorado Blue Spruce is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover



*Dwarf Spreading Colorado Blue Spruce*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Dwarf Spreading Colorado Blue Spruce will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub 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 is a selection of a native North American species.

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