Spruce, Globosa Blue

Picea pungens 'Globosa'



Spruce, Globosa Blue
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Height: 5 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: Blue Colorado Spruce;Colorado Blue Spruce

Description:

A dense globe-shaped shrub, very unlike the species, as a mounded form that eventually becomes a compact and dense rounded shape, adaptable and hardy; intensely blue needles, an excellent choice for form and color in the garden



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Ornamental Features

Spruce, Globosa Blue is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has attractive blue evergreen foliage which emerges silvery blue in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and remain blue throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Spruce, Globosa Blue is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub. 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.

Spruce, Globosa Blue is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Vertical Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Spruce, Globosa Blue will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. 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.

Special Attributes

Evergreens need to be watered during the winter. Our desert climate especially in late winter to early spring evergreens can suffer during next growing season. An easy way to remember check for dryness on the holidays Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, Valentines Day & Easter.