

## WACD PLANT MATERIALS CENTER

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### Colorado Spruce (*Picea pungens*)

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#### Distribution

The Colorado “Blue” Spruce is native to intermountain states of the west but is mainly planted as ornamental landscape species.

#### Growth Habit

Colorado Spruce is a medium size, broad, dense, pyramidal tree with horizontal branches extending to the ground. It can reach over 60 feet high with a canopy spread up to 25 feet. Bark is scaly, flaky ash brown.

#### Adaptability

Colorado Spruce does not tolerate flooding and performs best on moist to well drained soils. They enjoy full sun and do not tolerate shade.

#### Comments

- Medium to tall evergreen for farmstead and field windbreaks.
- Makes wonderful nesting sites for birds.
- Wood is used for firewood which burns fast and is good for kindling.
- Many people enjoy them each year as a Christmas tree.
- Beautiful ornamental tree for any landscape.

