



Picea pungens 'Koster'



Výška	10 - 15 m
Šírka	3-5m
Koruna	narrow pyramidal, dark, dense crown
Kôra a vetvy	bark greyish black, scaled, twigs glossy orange-brown
Listy	stiff, pointy needles, silvery blue, 2 - 3 cm, evergreen
Kvety	unremarkable
Plody	hanging, cylindrical cones, 4 - 10 cm long
Tŕne	Žiadny
Jedovatosť	Zvyčajne nie je jedovaté pre ľudí a väčšie zvieratá
Typ pôdy	nutrient-rich, moisture-retentive, preferably not too acidic
Pôdna vlhkosť	Vhodné do suchých pôd
Spevnené plochy	Netoleruje spevnené plochy
Zóna odolnosti	4 (-34,4 do -28,9 °C)
Odolnosť voči vetru	moderate
Ostatná odolnosť	Odolné mrazu (WH 1–6)
Stromy pre zvieratá a hmyz	Odolné mrazu (WH 1–6), Plody ako potrava pre vtáctvo
Použitie	stromy do nádob, strešné záhrady, priemyselné oblasti
Tvar	Vysokokmeň, Vzorový ihličnan
Pôvod	A. Koster, Boskoop, Netherlands, 1880

Old cultivar of *Picea pungens* with needles a striking bluish grey colour. This colour is less intense than the colour of the needles of the more recent cultivar 'Hoopsii'. It becomes a broad, pyramidal tree with more or less horizontal branching arranged close together. The tree can grow to approx. 10 - 15 m in height and remains about 5 m in width. In its juvenile stage, it often doesn't have a main trunk that grows vertically, rendering support necessary. As it matures, it grows uniformly. The trunk is greyish brown and later greyish black and deeply scaled. The twigs have no hair and are orange-brown. The intensely silvery blue colour of the stiff, very pointy, closely grouped needles is striking. Its long, cylindrical cones are green at first and turn yellowish brown as they ripen. Makes little demands when it comes to soil type but does require a sunny site. Tolerates more dryness than other spruces.