



Picea pungens 'Erich Frahm'



Height	10-15 m
Width	3-5m
Crown	broad pyramidal, half-open crown
Bark and branches	grey, black
Leaf	grey-green, blue-green, evergreen
Flowers	inconspicuous, flowers in May
Fruits	hanging cylindrical cones, 4 - 10 cm long
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, acid soil, calcareous soil
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °C)
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), provides food for birds
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, industrial areas, small gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, specimen conifer

'Erich Frahm' is a broad pyramidal tree with a dense, very regular branching and crown. It grows 10 - 15 m high, with a width of just over 5 m. This cultivar already forms a continuous central branch from its juvenile stage, reinforcing its regular shape. Stem and main branches greyish brown to blackish grey, young twigs light reddish brown. The needles are stiff and sharply pointed. They are conspicuously blue-grey. Cones quite large, yellow-green at first, light brown to yellow-brown when maturing. Like other cultivars of *Picea pungens*, it does not have many soil requirements and prefers full sun. 'Erich Frahm' was introduced in 1950 by the former German nursery J. Timm & Co. Erich Frahm was co-owner of this nursery, which was located where the Arboretum Ellerhoop-Thiensen is now. Hardiness zone: 4