



Picea pungens 'Erich Frahm'



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| 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