



Mountain Juniper

Juniperus communis 'var. montana'

Height: 6 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: var. saxatilis

Description:

An extremely slow growing and prostrate version of the species found in mountainous areas, height can range from a few inches to a foot; delicate sprays arch for a wonderful effect, a true gem for a rock or alpine garden

Ornamental Features

Mountain Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive grayish green foliage with silver stripes. The needles are highly ornamental and turn coppery-bronze in the fall, which persists throughout the winter. It produces blue berries from late spring to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Mountain Juniper is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mountain Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Mountain Juniper
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Mountain Juniper foliage
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Planting & Growing

Mountain Juniper will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. 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.

Availability

Also available as a top-grafted patio tree.