Blue Forest Juniper

Juniperus sabina 'Blue Forest'



Blue Forest Juniper foliage
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Height: 8 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Description:

A unique and unusual groundcover; unlike other junipers, this variety has bright blue upright fronds which spread across the ground, resembles a very low forest of evergreen trees; a superb groundcover for home landscapes, very adaptable and hardy

Ornamental Features

Blue Forest Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive blue evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and turn purple in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.



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Landscape Attributes

Blue Forest Juniper is a dense 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 relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Blue Forest Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Blue Forest Juniper will grow to be about 8 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 considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.