



Blue Star Juniper Juniperus squamata 'Blue Star'

Height: 3 feet Spread: 4 feet Sunlight: **O** Hardiness Zone: 4a Other Names: Singleseed Juniper

Description:

An atypical and highly ornamental ball-shaped juniper with dense, silvery blue foliage radially arranged around the branches, giving the appearance of stars; an excellent color and interest plant for general garden use, good size for rock gardens

Ornamental Features

Blue Star Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has attractive blue evergreen foliage which emerges silvery blue in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and remain blue throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Blue Star Juniper is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. 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 Star Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Blue Star Juniper Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Blue Star Juniper foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Blue Star Juniper will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 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.

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