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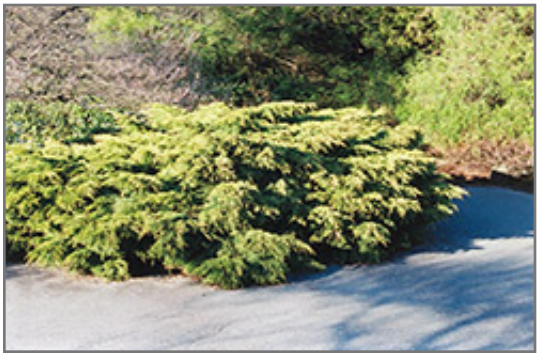
Pfitzer Juniper

Juniperus x media 'Pfitzeriana'



Pfitzer Juniper
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Height: 5 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Description:

A popular group of evergreen groundcovers with numerous and varied cultivars; a medium sized sprawling shrub with widely arching branches and slightly drooping tips, excellent green color; a top choice for large scale massing in the landscape

Ornamental Features

Pfitzer Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its cascading habit of growth. It has attractive grayish green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter. It produces blue berries from late spring to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Pfitzer Juniper is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pfitzer Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Pfitzer Juniper will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.