Old Gold Juniper

Juniperus x media 'Old Gold'

Old Gold Juniper
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Pfitzer Juniper

Description:

A stunning color accent landscape evergreen; a compact spreader with arching branches in a striking gold, slightly droopy tips; a superb groundcover or massing plant for color with genuine character when mature

Ornamental Features

Old Gold Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive yellow evergreen foliage which emerges gold in spring. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and turn lime green in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Old Gold 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 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.

Old Gold Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Old Gold 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 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.