Variegated Japanese Juniper

Juniperus procumbens 'Variegata'



Variegated Japanese Juniper
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Height: 12 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Japanese Garden Juniper

Description:

A showy evergreen groundcover that is low growing and mat forming; sea green foliage has highlights of powder blue, and stunning yellow variegation; excellent as an accent for rock gardens or borders and can be draped over walls



Variegated Japanese Juniper foliage
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Ornamental Features

Variegated Japanese Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive yellow-variegated bluish-green foliage with hints of powder blue. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and turn plum purple in the fall, which persists throughout the winter. It produces blue berries from late spring to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated Japanese 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 usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. 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.

Variegated Japanese Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Variegated Japanese Juniper will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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.