Road Runner Redcedar

Juniperus virginiana 'Road Runner'



Road Runner Redcedar
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 9 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Roadrunner Redcedar, Eastern Red Juniper

Description:

An excellent massing or groundcover evergreen shrub; luminous sea-green foliage and a very low, prostrate habit of growth, very adaptable but needs full sun; excellent in large groupings

Ornamental Features

Road Runner Redcedar is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Road Runner Redcedar 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.

Road Runner Redcedar is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Road Runner Redcedar will grow to be about 9 inches 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.