Blue Carpet Juniper

Juniperus squamata 'Blue Carpet'



Blue Carpet Juniper
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Height: 12 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Singleseed Juniper

Description:

A highly attractive and sophisticated groundcover for discerning landscapers, features soft bluish-gray fine-textured foliage; a highly compact low spreader, with arching branch tips, excellent for massing or as a color accent groundcover



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Ornamental Features

Blue Carpet Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive powder blue evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain powder blue throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Blue Carpet Juniper is a dense spreading 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Blue Carpet Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Blue Carpet Juniper will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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 40 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. 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.