Grey Rock Redcedar

Juniperus virginiana 'Grey Rock'



Grey Rock Redcedar
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A fine landscape evergreen featuring soft sprays of grayish foliage all season long on a uniformly conical pyramid, quite distinctive; a fine choice for an accent, articulation or a large screen in the landscape; very tolerant but needs full sun

Ornamental Features

Grey Rock Redcedar is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive grayish green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and turn plum purple in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Grey Rock Redcedar is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, 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.

Grey Rock Redcedar is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Grey Rock Redcedar will grow to be about 15 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 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 xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. 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 selection of a native North American species.