Variegated Chinese Juniper

Juniperus chinensis 'Corymbosa Variegata'



Variegated Chinese Juniper foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Corymbosa Variegated Juniper, Hollywood Juniper

Description:

A bold and unusual variegated juniper that exhibits dramatic yellow varigation throughout the deep green foliage; perfect as a compact accent tree or can be pruned as a border shrub

Ornamental Features

Variegated Chinese Juniper is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive yellow-variegated dark green foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated Chinese Juniper is an evergreen tree with a strong central leader and 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 is a relatively low maintenance tree, 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.

Variegated Chinese Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Variegated Chinese Juniper will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This tree 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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.