# Grey Guardian™ Redcedar

***Juniperus virginiana 'Greguard'***



*Grey Guardian Redcedar flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

**Description:**

An excellent low spreading shrub, producing beautiful greyish-blue, fine-textured foliage on a low, spreading habit of growth; very adaptable but needs full sun

**Ornamental Features**

Grey Guardian Redcedar is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive silvery blue foliage with hints of gray. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain silvery blue throughout the winter. It produces silvery blue berries from late spring to late winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Grey Guardian 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.

Grey Guardian Redcedar is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

**Planting & Growing**

Grey Guardian Redcedar will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. 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. 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.