Floreant Juniper

Juniperus squamata 'Floreant'



Floreant Juniper foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Floriant Juniper, Flaky Juniper, Scaly Juniper

Description:

An attractive flat-mounded dwarf selection, featuring dense, greenish-blue, fine-textured foliage with specks of cream to pale yellow throughout the plant; a good choice for massing or as a color accent



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Ornamental Features

Floreant Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has attractive buttery yellow-variegated steel blue foliage with hints of grayish green which emerges bluish-green in spring. The tiny scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain steel blue throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Floreant Juniper is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. 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.

Floreant Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Floreant Juniper will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. 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 approximately 30 years.

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.

Floreant Juniper makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a canvas of foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.