Windwalker® Guernsey Green Juniper

Juniperus horizontalis 'Guernsey Green'



Windwalker Guernsey Green Juniper
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Group/Class: Windwalker Series

Description:

A fine, ground hugging evergreen for the home landscape, featuring rich green foliage which flows along the ground, trailing over walls or other structures; extremely versatile, adaptable to dry shade, or hot, dry sunny locations and poor soils

Ornamental Features

Windwalker Guernsey Green Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and turn plum purple in the fall, which persists throughout the winter. It produces silvery blue berries from early summer to late winter, which fade to black over time.

Landscape Attributes

Windwalker Guernsey Green Juniper 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Windwalker Guernsey Green Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Windwalker Guernsey Green Juniper will grow to be only 3 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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 approximately 30 years.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. 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. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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.

Windwalker Guernsey Green Juniper makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. 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.