Robusta Juniper

Juniperus chinensis 'Robusta'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A wonderfully unique and architectural shrub with an irregular upright form, rich green foliage that's unusually tousled in clumps and bountiful dusty blue cones; quite slow growing, unique form is ideal for making a statement in the garden



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Ornamental Features

Robusta Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive emerald green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain emerald green throughout the winter. It produces powder blue berries from late spring to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Robusta Juniper 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 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.

Robusta Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Robusta Juniper will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 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 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.