Winter Gold Juniper

Juniperus chinensis 'Winter Gold'



Winter Gold Juniper foliage
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

Named for its tendency to develop beautiful yellow green or gold highlights and tips in winter; it requires full sun to do this; it is prostrate and forms an extremely tidy circle of limbs that can almost appear as fern fronds

Ornamental Features

Winter Gold Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has forest green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage turn an outstanding gold in the fall, which persists throughout the winter. It produces powder blue berries from late spring to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Winter Gold Juniper is a dense 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.

Winter Gold Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Winter Gold Juniper will grow to be about 24 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 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.