Golden Schnapps Juniper

Juniperus communis 'Golden Schnapps'



Golden Schnapps Juniper
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

An exciting new selection of this native juniper with an upright, conical habit, new foliage is a bright gold in full sun, fading to yellow-green in summer, the contrast between old and new needles is stunning; makes a great colorful low hedge

Ornamental Features

Golden Schnapps Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has attractive chartreuse evergreen foliage which emerges gold in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding yellow in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.



Golden Schnapps Juniper foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Golden Schnapps Juniper is a 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Golden Schnapps Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Golden Schnapps Juniper will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial 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 xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. 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.