Keteleer Juniper

Juniperus chinensis 'Keteleeri'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A tall evergreen shrub with a narrow pyramidal habit of growth; sharp needle-like bright green foliage and interesting bluish-green berries, great for articulating the home landscape skyline with its distinctive form; performs best in full sun



Keteleer Juniper
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Keteleer Juniper foliage
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Ornamental Features

Keteleer Juniper is primarily valued in the landscape for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has emerald green evergreen foliage which emerges grayish green in spring. The scale-like sprays of foliage remain emerald green throughout the winter. It produces powder blue berries from late spring to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Keteleer Juniper is an evergreen tree with a strong central leader and 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 tree, 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.

Keteleer Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Keteleer Juniper will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

This tree 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.