Ames Juniper

Juniperus chinensis 'Ames'



Ames Juniper
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Height: 10 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

An upright, pyramidal evergreen which eventually becomes a large shrub, makes a great accent or articulation plant; interesting bluish-green needle-like foliage, quite sharp; a very versatile landscape plant, needs full sun

Ornamental Features

Ames Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its distinctively pyramidal habit of growth. It has bluish-green evergreen foliage which emerges steel blue in spring. The scale-like sprays of foliage remain bluish-green throughout the winter. It produces powder blue berries from late spring to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Ames 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. 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.

Ames Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Ames Juniper will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 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 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.