Mountbatten Juniper

Juniperus chinensis 'Mountbatten'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A narrow pyramidal evergreen shrub, makes a great accent or articulation plant in home landscapes, ideal as a tall hedge; interesting dusty green needle-like foliage and powdery blue berries; a very versatile landscape plant, needs full sun



Mountbatten Juniper
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Mountbatten Juniper foliage
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Ornamental Features

Mountbatten Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its rigidly columnar form. It has attractive grayish green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter. It produces powder blue berries from late spring to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Mountbatten Juniper is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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.

Mountbatten Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Mountbatten Juniper will grow to be about 12 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.