Blaauw's Golden Chinese Juniper

Juniperus chinensis 'Blaauw's Golden'



Blaauw's Golden Chinese Juniper foliage
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A popular and beautiful evergreen landscape shrub for general garden and massing use, features an arching, sprawling, branching habit with downturned tips, very attractive, gold needle-like foliage; does best with full sun

Ornamental Features

Blaauw's Golden Chinese Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has attractive gold evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain gold throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Blaauw's Golden Chinese Juniper is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. 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.

Blaauw's Golden Chinese Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Topiary
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Blaauw's Golden Chinese Juniper will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Blaauw's Golden Chinese Juniper makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.