Sunsplash Shore Juniper

Juniperus conferta 'Sunsplash'



Sunsplash Shore Juniper foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Japanese Shore Juniper

Description:

Feathery branches of sharp blue-green needles splashed with gold; holds color well; excellent as a spreading groundcover or in containers

Ornamental Features

Sunsplash Shore Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive gold-spotted bluish-green foliage. The needles are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Sunsplash Shore Juniper is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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.

Sunsplash Shore Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Sunsplash Shore Juniper will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 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 is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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.

Sunsplash Shore 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 spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. 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.