Chinese Silver Flaky Juniper

Juniperus squamata 'Chinese Silver'

Height: 9 feet

Spread: 9 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

An upright spreading juniper with lovely blue-green foliage; adapts well to dry soil; makes a great foundation shrub or screen; adds color to the winter landscape

Ornamental Features

Chinese Silver Flaky Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive blue evergreen foliage. The needles are highly ornamental and remain blue throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Chinese Silver Flaky Juniper is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Chinese Silver Flaky Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



Chinese Silver Flaky Juniper
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Chinese Silver Flaky Juniper foliage
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Planting & Growing

Chinese Silver Flaky Juniper will grow to be about 9 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 9 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 medium 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 is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. 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.