Hollywood Juniper

Juniperus chinensis 'Torulosa'

Hollywood Juniper foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A curious accent piece for the garden, this upright juniper has a twisted and tortured appearance which gets even more pronounced as it ages; makes a captivating accent, use as a solitary in hot dry locations

Ornamental Features

Hollywood Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its rigidly columnar form. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The twisted scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. It produces silvery blue berries from mid summer to late winter. The twisted gray bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Hollywood 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.

Hollywood Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Hollywood Juniper will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 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 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.