

Botanical Name: Juniperus chinensis 'Sea Green'

Common Name: Sea green juniper

Type of Plant: conifer; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a fairly low, compact juniper - similar in overall size to J.c. 'Gold Coast' but tending to be more open with its slender tapered branchlets; has a somewhat arching pattern

Height 4' - 5' Spread 4' - 5' Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun near the coast; can tolerate partial shade at hot inland locations

Soil tolerates most except wet, poorly-drained sites

Hardiness hardy (zones 1-24); thrives in cool-temperate regions of northwest

Morphology:

Leaves scales - rich, light green, fairly tiny and slightly pointed at tips; branchlets are more widely spaced than J.c. 'Gold Coast'

Flowers none

Fruit if present, a leathery blue-gray berry

Propagation: hardwood cuttings in winter

Usage: a medium-sized filler for temperate-climate theme gardens; valued for its bright green foliage and arching-spreading shape; interesting contrast to larger, bluer junipers such as Pfitzer or Hetz

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates regular if drainage is good; thrives on an occasional deep soak

Fertilizing little required after establishment; a light application of balanced fertilizer in spring is adequate

Pruning none, except to selectively head back tallest or longest branchlets for a more compact form; do not shear

Pests/Diseases spider mite, twig borers, juniper blight

Special Conditions

Origin: cultivar Family: Cupressaceae