

Botanical Name: Juniperus sabina 'Buffalo'

Common Name: Buffalo juniper

Type of Plant: conifer; shrub Family Cupressaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Low, spreading juniper; softer, lower and greener than Tamarix juniper; becomes very wide-spreading with age

Height to 12" Spread to 8 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil tolerates most any soil; prefers good drainage

Hardiness hardy -- all Zones

Morphology:

Leaves tiny bright green scales forming upright branchlets which are arranged in a chevron pattern along main branches; softer and greener than Tam

Flowers none

Fruit small cone -- 1/4" diameter

Propagation: hardwood cuttings in winter

Usage: filler or large-scale groundcover in temperate climate landscapes; frequently used in rock gardens -- looks best in large scale plantings with plenty of space

Landscape Care:

Watering average watering -- very drought tolerant when established

Fertilizing slow-release at planting

Pruning head back carefully to control size; do not shear

Pests/Diseases twig borer, juniper blight, spider mites, control with copper spray

Other

Origin: China, East Asia