

Botanical Name: Juniperus procumbens

Common Name: Japanese garden juniper

Type of Plant: conifer; shrub Family Cupressaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Low, stiffly branching prickly juniper with blue-green color and feathery-looking foliage

Height to 3 ft. Spread 12 to 15 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil tolerates most any soil, but prefers good drainage

Hardiness hardy -- all Zones

Morphology:

Leaves small blue-green needles to 1/8" long, densely set in 1/2" long branchlets -- feels prickly to the touch

Flowers none

Fruit small cone to 1/4" diameter -- glaucous

Propagation: hardwood cuttings in winter

Usage: groundcover for rock gardens, slopes, Oriental theme gardens -- usually more suitable for large-scale plantings; use in mass plantings in temperate climate gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates most soil conditions and drought; avoid waterlogged conditions

Fertilizing slow-release at planting only

Pruning head back selectively to control size -- do not shear

Pests/Diseases twig borer, juniper blight, spider mites

Other

Origin: Japan