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Gold Cone Juniper

Juniperus communis 'Gold Cone'



Gold Cone Juniper
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

An exciting new selection of this native juniper with an upright, conical habit, new foliage is a bright gold in full sun, fading to yellow-green in summer, the contrast between old and new needles is stunning; makes a great colorful low hedge

Ornamental Features

Gold Cone Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its rigidly columnar form. It has attractive chartreuse evergreen foliage which emerges gold in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and turn light green in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Gold Cone 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. When pruning is necessary, it is recommended to only trim back the new growth of the current season, other than to remove any dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Gold Cone Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Gold Cone Juniper foliage
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Planting & Growing

Gold Cone Juniper will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in 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 selection of a native North American species.

Gold Cone Juniper makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

