



Eastern Red Juniper

Juniperus virginiana

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Eastern Redcedar

Description:

A rugged, upright growing evergreen tree; typically has dusty or gray-green needles which turn brownish in winter; adaptable especially to dry soils, but needs full sun; many fine cultivars available in all sizes imaginable

Ornamental Features

Eastern Red Juniper has attractive bluish-green foliage. The scale-like leaves are highly ornamental and turn coppery-bronze in fall. It produces silvery blue berries from late spring to late winter. The flowers are not ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Eastern Red Juniper is an evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. 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 high maintenance tree that will require regular care and upkeep, 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.

Eastern Red Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- Windbreaks and Shelterbelts



Eastern Red Juniper
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Planting & Growing

Eastern Red Juniper will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

This tree 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 species is native to parts of North America.