

JUNIPERS

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Junipers are a physically diverse group of shrubs. They can be pyramidal upright, large upright spreading or low growing . If used properly they can be an asset to your landscape, but to often are used incorrectly. Most quickly out grow the area. Adding to this problem Junipers are difficult to prune. They have acquired the nickname "prickly shrub". Probably one of the best ground cover plants for full sun, drier sites. Many of the Junipers foliage color will intensify in the winter. The following is only a partial list of the many dozen cultivars that are available for the landscape.

Plant color code

- Red** do not use, probably invasive, to large, etc.
- Blue** a plant that has been a winner for me over the years
- Plum** may need special care to use, not reliably hardy, disease problems, etc.
- Black** a good plant

Culture

- sun - they grow best in full sun, they will tolerate some shade but tend to get loose and open
- soil- tolerate dry poor soil once established
- fertilizer - average
- moisture - normal, will tolerate drier conditions once established

Pyramidal Upright

- Hetz Columnar - bright green foliage, 6'-12' tall
- Mountbatten - dark blue green foliage 6'-12' tall
- Skyrocket** - very narrow and columnar, silver gray to blue foliage, 2'-3' wide, '-15' tall
- Welch - dense growing, blue green foliage

Upright Spreading (4'-8' on center)

- Mint Julep** - (Sea Green) vase shape arching branches, 3'-4' tall, 5'-6' spread
- Pfister** - dark green flat upright spreading **5 plus feet tall by 5'-10'** spread with age. A very old shrub
- Kallay's Compact - a dwarf version of the Pfister, 2' high with a 3'-4' spread
- Maney - irregular shaped bushy Juniper, 3'-4' high by 3'-5' wide
- Gold Coast - one of 2-3 types of Pfister Junipers that get golden tips to their foliage, 2'-3' high by 3'-5' wide
- Gray Owl - Pfister type with soft gray foliage 3'-4' high by equal or greater spread
- Von Ehron - light green vase shaped 5' by 5'
- Hetzi** - a **monster** with bluish foliage 5' by 10' in no time

Spreading (4'-6' on center)

- San Jose - 10" high by 6' or greater spread Sergeants - green foliage 18"-24" high by 6' or greater spread
- Blue Chip** - bluish foliage, 10"-12" high by 6' or greater spread

Hughes - silvery blue foliage that gets more intense in the winter, 12" tall by 6 feet or greater spread

Broadmoor - 12" high by a 6' or greater spread, green foliage mounding in the center

Bar Harbor - very low spreading only a few inches high by 6' or greater spread

Blue Rug - similar to Bar Harbor

Emerald Spreader - very green 6" high

Andorra - very popular 12"-18" high, 6' or greater spread, turns plum color in the winter, may have winter kill

Jap Garden - green foliage mounding in the center to less than a foot, spreading up to 5 feet

Other Junipers (2-4' on center)

Blue Star - a very slow growing dwarf plant. Listed to get 4' spread by 3' tall. I have had one in a garden over 18 years and it is 4+ spread by less than 18" in height.

Excellent plant.