Gold Cone Juniper

Juniperus communis 'Gold Cone'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

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

Gold Cone Juniper
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Gold Cone Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Gold Cone Juniper foliage
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Planting & Growing

Gold Cone Juniper will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. 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.