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Juniperus communis

Common Juniper



Also called ground juniper. A low, spreading shrub, much wider than it is tall; a mature specimen may be 20' wide. Needs full sun, but very adaptable as to soil. Most commonly found on dry, sandy, sterile soils. Green foliage turns bronze or purplish in the winter. Blue berries ripen in August, persist through the winter. Provides both food and shelter for wildlife.

Suggested companions: junegrass (*Koeleria macrantha*), little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparius*), bee-balm (*Monarda fistulosa*), black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)

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Plant Type: Shrub
Size: 3-6' H
8-12' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Open field/ Prairie
Woodland Margin

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Sandy/ Gravelly

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:

Yellow
Green

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:

May
June

Other Attributes:

Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Winter interest
Deer resistant