



Species: *Juniperus chinensis*

(jue-nip'er-us chi-nen'sis)

Chinese Juniper

Cultivar Information

Many cultivars exist for this species, a variety of them are listed below, however the following is not an exhaustive list.

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Tree < 30 feet, Shrub 4 to 8 feet, Shrub < 4 feet

Height: varies according to cultivar

Leaves: Evergreen

Shape: varies according to cultivar

Ornamental Other:

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun

Hardy To Zone: 4a

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to alkaline soil (pH 5.0 to 8.0)

Environmental Other: Hardiness zone depends on cultivar; tolerant of drought

Insect Disease

No diseases listed

Bare Root Transplanting

Difficult

Other

native to China, Mongolia, Japan; transplant containerized or B & B anytime; often used for bonsai

Cultivars for *Juniperus chinensis*

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Cultivar Name	Notes
Hetzii	'Hetzii' - upright-spreading form, branches spreading in all directions; fast growing; grows to 15' tall by 15' wide; silvery blue scale-like foliage; produces copious amounts of fruit
Hetzii Columnaris	'Hetzii Columnaris' - upright form; grows to 10' to 15' tall and 4' to 6' wide, though it can get 25' tall; similar to 'Keteleeri'; bright green needles; heavy fruit production
Pfitzeriana	'Pfitzeriana' (a.k.a. 'Pfitzerana') - spreading habit; dense, broad form; gray-green foliage grows to 3' tall and 10' wide, but can get nearly twice as large; branches tend to arch slightly at a 45 degree angle, old stems can assume a contorted habit
var. sargentii	var. sargentii - a groundcover type with dense; vigorous bright green foliage all year; grows to 1.5' - 2' tall with a 7' to 9' spread; resistant to Juniper Blight
Glauca	'Glauca' - blue-green foliage and grows a bit smaller than var. sargentii. Otherwise it is similar.
Gold Coast	'Gold Coast' (a.k.a. 'Aurea') - spreading form; grows to 1 - 3' tall and 6 - 8' wide; golden yellow foliage; foliage color deepens and persists well in to the winter
Gold Star	'Gold Star' (a.k.a. 'Bakaurea') - golden-tipped branches with a light green or blue-green body; good resistance to root problems; grows to 4' tall and 6' wide
Blue Point	'Blue Point' - pyramidal form; dense, upright habit; features foliage that is bluish-green; plant grows to 8' tall
Hetzii Glauca	'Hetzii Glauca' - semi-erect spreader; grows to 4' to 6' tall and 6 to 8' wide; foliage is a blue-gray color
Iowa	'Iowa' - upright, informal habit; grows to 10' high and 4' wide; coarse, sharp blue-green foliage
Keteleeri	'Keteleeri' - upright form; broad, pyramidal habit; reaches about 15' - 20' tall; displays light green foliage year-round
Maney	'Maney' (a.k.a. 'Maneyi') - semi-erect, spreading form; bluish foliage; exhibits excellent cold tolerance; grows to 4' to 6' tall and 6' to 10' wide at least
Mint Julep	'Mint Julep' (a.k.a. 'Monlep') -compact form; arching, fountain-like branches; mint green foliage color; grows 4' to 6' tall and wide
Mountbatten	'Mountbatten' - dense, compact-narrow form; grows to 20' tall; silver-green foliage

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Old Gold	'Old Gold' - golden foliage; graceful compact grower; foliage color holds well into the winter; plant grows slowly to 4' to 5' wide and 2' to 3' tall
Pfitzeriana Aurea	'Pfitzeriana Aurea' - spreading-broad plant habit similar to 'Pfitzeriana', does not grow quite as large; golden-yellow new foliage that turns lighter yellow-green in winter
Pfitzeriana Compacta	'Pfitzeriana Compacta' - compact dwarf; graceful, dense growing branches; grows to 3' tall and 4' to 6' wide; gray-green foliage with a greater percentage of awl-shaped leaves
Pfitzeriana Glauca	'Pfitzeriana Glauca' (a.k.a. 'Blue Pfitzer') - same general habit as 'Pfitzeriana'; soft, silvery-blue foliage, turns light purplish-blue in winter
Prostrata Variegata	'Prostrata Variegata' (perhaps the same as J. davurica 'Expansa Variegata') - low-growing plant; grows to 2' tall x 5' wide; patches of creamy white among the blue-green foliage; benefits from siting out of direct afternoon sun
Ramlosa	'Ramlosa' - considered to be an improvement on the Pfitzer theme; feathery green foliage; more compact form; grows to 5' tall x 8' wide; good cold hardiness
Robusta Green	'Robusta Green' - upright juniper; grows to 15' tall x 5 - 7' wide; dense, tufted, bright green foliage; slow-growing
San Jose	'San Jose' - low growing form; grows to 1' to 2' tall x 6' to 8' wide; greenish-blue foliage; susceptible to juniper blight
Saybrook Gold	'Saybrook Gold' - spreading form; strong yellow, needle-like foliage; color very bright, and holds well in the winter, bronzing slightly; grows to 3' tall and perhaps twice as wide
Sea Green	'Sea Green' - spreading habit; branches that arch upwards; grows to 6' tall and wider; dark green foliage that darkens in winter
Sea Spray	'Sea Spray' - groundcover type that grows prostrate; may rival J. horizontalis 'Blue Rug' and 'Bar Harbor'; grows to 16" tall x 6' wide in time; blue-green foliage with a soft texture; resistant to the diseases that plague junipers
Torulosa	'Torulosa' (a.k.a. 'Kaizuka') - upright, tree-like habit; artistic twisted and tufted appearance; medium green foliage; few awl-shaped leaves mostly appressed scale-like needles; grows to 20' to 30' tall; possesses excellent salt tolerance
Variegata	'Variegata' - conical form; bears irregular cream patches among the blue-green foliage
Spartan	'Spartan' - narrowly conical to columnar form; dense uniform habit; grows to 15 - 25' tall x 4 - 8' wide
Spearmint	'Spearmint' - dense, columnar to narrow-pyramidal habit; grows to 10 - 15' tall x 4' wide

Photos



Juniperus chinensis - Buds



Juniperus chinensis - Leaves, Seeds



Juniperus chinensis - Leaves



Juniperus chinensis - Leaves



Juniperus chinensis - Habit



Juniperus chinensis - Leaves, Seeds



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Juniperus chinensis - Bark



Juniperus chinensis - Bark



Juniperus chinensis - Habit