



## **Blue Star Juniper** *Juniperus squamata 'Blue Star'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Singleseed Juniper

### **Description:**

An atypical and highly ornamental ball-shaped juniper with dense, silvery blue foliage radially arranged around the branches, giving the appearance of stars; an excellent color and interest plant for general garden use, good size for rock gardens

### **Ornamental Features**

Blue Star Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has attractive blue evergreen foliage which emerges silvery blue in spring. The needles are highly ornamental and remain blue throughout the winter.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Blue Star Juniper is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Blue Star Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Blue Star Juniper*  
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*Blue Star Juniper foliage*  
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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

## **Planting & Growing**

Blue Star Juniper will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

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