

Blue Point Juniper

Juniperus chinensis 'Blue Point'

Plant Description:

The Blue Point Juniper has dense, blue-green foliage making it a nice specimen tree for landscapes. Its pyramidal form and blue coloring will make a statement and contrast nicely with surrounding plants. Just be sure to give this tree some room as it prefers not to be crowded at the base.

Mature Size: 12 feet tall; 8 feet wide

Growth Rate: Moderate

Plant Habit: Pyramidal

Plant Spacing: Minimum 8 feet

Ornamental Characteristics & Uses:

Foliage Color: Blue-Green

Flower Color: N/A

Attracts Wildlife: May provide shelter for birds in winter.

Uses: Used as a focal point in the yard or in a line to serve as a windbreak.



Growing Requirements:

Cold Hardiness Zone(s): 4 – 9

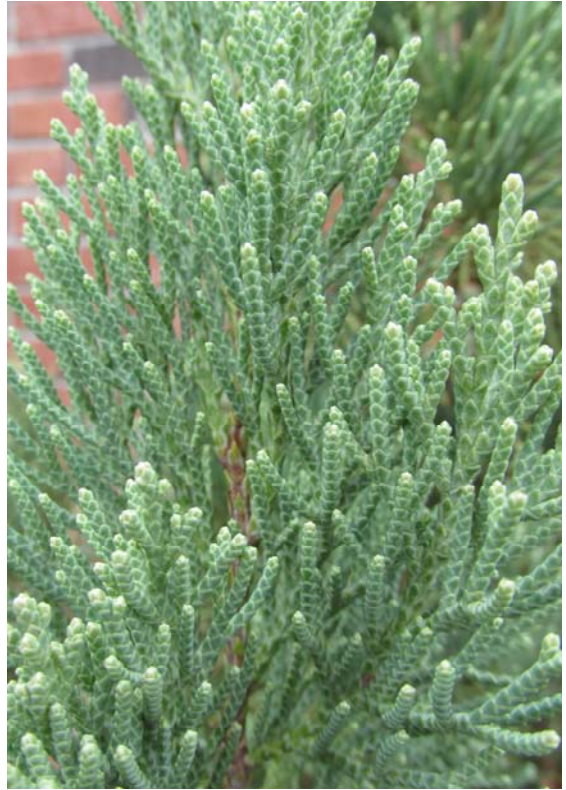
Exposure: Full Sun to Partial Shade

Water Needs: Low to Moderate

Soil Tolerances: Drought Tolerant; Prefers sandy soils

Soil pH: Acid to Alkaline

Maintenance: Low



General Care & Growing Tips:

Water regularly during establishment, but avoid wetting the foliage. Like most plants, a 2- to 3-inch layer of organic mulch is beneficial to retain soil moisture. Junipers require well-drained soils and look best in full sun, although light shade can be beneficial in hot, dry sites. Heavily shaded trees tend to have sparse foliage. Apply a balanced, slow-release fertilizer 4 to 6 weeks after planting. Established trees do not need to be fertilized to maintain plant health.

Common Pests:

Watch for spider mites and bagworms. Diseases of juniper include root rot (a common problem with poor drainage), twig blight, and cedar-apple rust.

References: Ingram, D. and Barrick, W. (1990). *Junipers in Florida*. ENH34. University of Florida.

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