

Blue Rug Juniper

Juniperus horizontalis 'Blue Rug'

'Blue Rug' is the lowest growing and possibly the slowest growing juniper. It is excellent as a ground cover and for use in erosion control. It does not require the level of moisture required by other juniper varieties, making it a great solution for dry, sunny, sloped conditions. 'Blue Rug' performs nicely as a ground-hugging juniper spilling over rocks, as a perimeter plant, or along a retaining wall where the foliage will provide year-round cover.

Type: evergreen woody perennial

USDA hardiness zones: 3a through 9b

Uses: border; mass planting; ground cover;
erosion control

Origin: native to northern North America

Height: 4 to 6 inches **Spread:** 6 to 8 feet

Plant spacing: 3 to 6 feet

Light requirement: full sun

Soil tolerances: slightly acid to alkaline;
clay; loam; sand

Drought tolerance: good

Soil salt tolerance: good

Invasive potential: none

Pest resistance: susceptible to blights ,
cedar-apple rust, root rot,
bagworms, spider mites,
aphids, and scale insects

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