

Juniperus horizontalis

(Creeping Juniper)

Creeping Juniper is a low growing woody ground cover. It is able spread 3 m , but doesn't grow taller than 50 cm. Creeping juniper can have either scale-like or needle-like leaves. The plant has a separate female and male plants. The female plants produces an attractive blue berries in the fall. It can take frost and salt, but no heat. Creeping juniper makes is excellent groundcover for large, sunny areas



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Genévrier

Pronunciation: jew-NIP-er-us hor-ih-ZON-tal-is

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: Northern America

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Uses: Topiary, Bonsai, Espalier, Container, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Spreading

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: Less than 0.5 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Scale

Leaf Textures: Medium

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green, Blue-Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Blue

Seasons: Year Round

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxicity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Diseases: Blights, Fungus

Edible Parts: Fruit

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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