



Hughes Juniper
Juniperus horizontalis 'Hughes'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Description:

A top notch and vigorous blue juniper, featuring feathery silver-blue foliage all season long; ground hugging and wide spreading; extremely adaptable and hardy; superb color accent groundcover. See display garden.

Ornamental Features

Hughes Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive silvery blue evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and turn bluish-green in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Hughes Juniper is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hughes Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Hughes Juniper will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 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.



Hughes Juniper
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This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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 selection of a native North American species.