

Juniper

(*Juniperus sp.*)

Name a plant shape and there's a juniper that conforms to it, from a low ground cover to a tall tree. All are serviceable landscape plants, with interesting foliage that is both scaly and needlelike--sometimes on the same plant. There are variegated forms in silver and gold and in blue-greens. All are tough and sturdy, needing minimal care.

Soil: Dry, sandy, light

Light: Full sun preferred

Zone: 3 - 7

Comments

Best known varieties are Japanese (*J. chinensis*) and its variety Pfitzer, a broad horizontal; Common (*J. communis stricta*), a tall, narrow plant; Shore (*J. conferta*), a soft ground cover; *J. horizontalis* varieties including Bar Harbor and Blue Rug, mounding ground covers; and *J. h. plumosa*, including Andorra, a spreading, loose plant. Junipers love heat, but may redden in winter. They all prune well.