

Juniperus scopulorum

Rocky Mountain Juniper



Plant type:	Perennial evergreen tree	
Height:	10-25'	Spread: 8-12'
Water needs:	Low	
Native Region:	CO, AZ, NE, NM, OK, TX, UT, WY	
Elevation:	up to 10,000'	
Important to know:	Larval host of the Olive Butterfly	



Maintenance:	Low
Random fact:	This species comes to seed-bearing age in 10-20 years, and they bear cones every 2-5 years.
Garden uses:	Structural height, evergreen screen
Habitat:	Dry slopes, often with sagebrush, pinyon pine, ponderosa pine or oak communities.

Ease of Propagation: Easy

Propagation: Seeds may be stored cold (40°F) as dried berries or cleaned seeds. To propagate, clean seed by soaking the fruits in water with a bit of detergent to help separate seeds from the resinous fruits as you work to pull fruit from seed. To germinate, sow the seed with 0.6 cm soil cover in the fall in situ or in cells outdoors to take advantage of natural cold stratification. Germination is often delayed in juniper seeds, as seeds are consistently highly dormant.



Viability of the seed varies considerably from year to year and among lots, but it is never much over 50 percent.
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