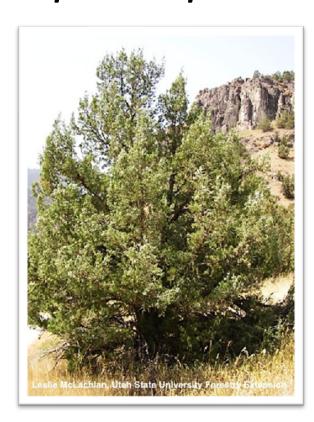
## Juniperus scopulorum

## **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: Habitat:

Structural height, evergreen screen 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 <u>dried</u> 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. [USDA, NRCS, National Plant Data Center]

