Spartan Juniper (pom pom)

Juniperus chinensis 'Spartan (pom pom)'



Spartan Juniper (pom pom)
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Height: 5 feet

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Chinese Redcedar

Description:

An impressive evergreen shrub in manicured pom pom form, with soft blue-green needle-like foliage all season long; makes a curious, geometric accent in the garden or landscape

Ornamental Features

Spartan Juniper (pom pom) is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its highly ornamental lollipop-like shape. It has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. It produces silvery blue berries from late spring to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Spartan Juniper (pom pom) is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub, selected and trained to grow in a small tree-like form with the primary plant grafted high atop a standard. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Spartan Juniper (pom pom) is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Spartan Juniper (pom pom) will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 70 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.