

# AgBark



*A series of tree insights*

*Did you know?*

Juniper berries have lots of traditional uses and were associated with love potions.

## Overview

- Juniper is a genus comprising approximately 60 to 70 species of aromatic, evergreen trees and shrubs belonging to the cypress family.
- A number of species are cultivated as ornamentals and are useful for their timber.

## Tree Details

Junipers grow from 4 inches to 50 feet tall with a spread from 6 to 20 feet depending on the species.

They are tolerant of adverse conditions and withstand heat and drought much better than most ornamentals.

Generally enjoy full sun and good drainage

# Juniper

**Kingdom:** *Plantae*

**Class:** *Pinopsida*

**Order:** *Pinales*

**Family:** *Cupressaceae* Gray

**Genus:** *Juniperus* L.



## Juniper in Agriculture

- The fragrant wood of some species is made into cabinets, fence posts and pencils.
- Oil of juniper, distilled from the wood and leaves of several species, is used in perfumes and has applications in traditional medicine.

## History

- Common juniper is native to the UK, Europe and much of the northern hemisphere.

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