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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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