Gin Fizz® Juniper

Juniperus chinensis 'RIKAG'



Gin Fizz Juniper
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Height: 18 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A wonderful architectural shrub with a conical upright form; rich green foliage contrasts the very heavy crop of blue-green fruits that gives this variety its unique 'fizzy' textured look; makes a statement in the landscape; may be trimmed to shape

Ornamental Features

Gin Fizz Juniper is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features an abundance of magnificent bluish-green berries with silvery blue overtones from early summer to late winter. It has attractive green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Gin Fizz Juniper is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. 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. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Gin Fizz Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Gin Fizz Juniper will grow to be about 18 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more. This is a self-pollinating variety, so it doesn't require a second plant nearby to set fruit.

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. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.