

Small Tree/ Large Shrub  
Evergreen  
Introduced  
Map #41

*Chinese Juniper*  
(*Juniperus chinensis*)  
Family: Cupressaceae

Awl-shaped    Scale-like



'Pfitzeriana'



'Mountbatten'



**Leaves:** two types of needles - the juvenile are awl-shaped, the adult are interlocking scales arranged in squarish ranks; grayish green.

**Bark:** gray-brown, ridged and furrowed coming off in thin strips.

**Flowers:** male and female on separate plants.

**Cones:** male numerous, yellowish brown on older growth; female ripening in two years, at first whitish blue and "bloomy", turning brown when ripe.

**Habit:** Tree or shrub, tall and erect or low and bushy. Much variation among the cultivars.

**Culture:** full sun, moist but well-drained soil until established, then tolerates much drier conditions, tolerates alkaline soil. As with most junipers, may be infected by *Phomopsis* blight, a fungal disease of the new growth especially if watered overhead and/or in too much shade.

**Cultivars:** There are so many cultivars some of which could possibly be separate species and sometimes are referred to as *J. x media*. Possibly the oldest is 'Pfitzeriana'. It is definitely the most extensively planted. Grows 5' by 20' and probably more. 'Pfitzeriana compacta' is only 12—18" tall by 6' wide. Other common and useful cultivars include 'Ames' - silver blue low spreading maturing to a broad pyramidal shape; 'Hetzii' - upright, spreading, branches in all directions 10' x 15'; 'Hooks' - tight pyramid 12' x 3'; 'Iowa' - a loose pyramid of blue-green, less compact than 'Ames'; 'Maney' - bushy, erect. Bluish, 6' x 12'; 'Mint Julep' - bright green and fountain-like 4' x 6'; 'Sea Green' - may be the same as 'Mint Julep'.



'Hetzii'



'Mint Julep' ('Sea Green')



'Iowa'

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