

Kapilaas Creations

Juniper trees are wonderful and very versatile garden plants which are beautiful to look at throughout the year. Tolerating a wide range of growing and soil conditions and a certain degree of drought, juniper trees add permanence to the garden landscape as they maintain their foliage throughout summer and winter. Foliage colours within the same plant vary a little, depending upon season.

In general juniper is the tree which is easy to grow and should be grown in free-draining soil. They do well in poor or impoverished soils. They do not like boggy or water-logged soils. Junipers will grow in alkaline or acidic soils. Their native habitats are often rocky or mountainous in nature, and they look particularly good in such settings in a garden.



They can be grown well from the cuttings which are 5 to 6 cm in length. These should be planted in mixture sand and peat. Juniper generally grows in natural conical shape but it can be

trained to grow in other styles. Generally made in to a cascade style (water fall) because

of its graceful and ever green foliage shaped like clouds on its branches. Usually junipers can tolerate adverse conditions. They enjoy a good amount of sun and good drainage.

During summer droughts they withstand heat and dry conditions much better than other plants. But it is best to not expose it to direct sun light during summer months. These plants with regular pinching of the new needles grow bushy.

Some of the species, such as creeping junipers, spread 6 to 7 feet. Others spread only to 20 inches. Repotting should be done during growing season, preferably every second year for the full grown plant or when the pot is root bound. After repotting, do not allow the soil to completely dry, and more importantly, keep the plant in a place with semi shade atleast for three months. During this time spray the foliage once a day. Juniper needs regular watering and allows the soil to dry out completely. Regular spraying of fertilizers keeps the plant hale and healthy.