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**Compressa Juniper**  
*Juniperus communis 'Compressa'*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

**Description:**

A rigidly narrow and upright accent evergreen for the garden, very compact, never growing more than a few feet tall, extremely fine foliage lends a soft texture; best used as a solitary accent, ideal as a rock garden feature

**Ornamental Features**

Compressa Juniper is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its rigidly columnar form. It has attractive dark green foliage with silver stripes. The needles are highly ornamental and turn coppery-bronze in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Compressa Juniper is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Compressa Juniper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use

**Planting & Growing**

Compressa Juniper will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.



*Compressa Juniper*  
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This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.

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