

Blueberry Delight® Juniper

Juniperus communis var. *depressa* ‘AmiDak’ (Family: Cupressaceae)

Description: ‘AmiDak’ was introduced by North Dakota State University. As a cold hardy, low growing, densely spreading evergreen, it makes a great choice for a foundation planting. The needles are slightly darker green than typical *J. communis* types. If a male plant is planted nearby, blueberry-like cones are produced annually.

Hardiness: USDA hardiness zones 2 to 6.

Natural Habitat: Native to Europe, Asia, and North America.

Mature Size: Height: 1.5’ to 2’, Spread: 8’ to 12’

Form (Shape): Low growing and densely spreading.

Growth Rate: Slow.

Foliage: Rich, dark green with silvery blue hues.

Texture: Medium.

Flowers: Non-ornamental small yellow flowers.

Fruit: Slightly glaucous, spherical seed cones, commonly known as juniper berries. Berries emerge as green, but turn dark blue to black once ripened.

Light: Full sun to part shade.

Soil: Tolerates dry, sandy, stony, and gravelly soil.

Propagation: Commonly propagated through cuttings, however seed propagation is also possible.

Failure Patterns: Failure is uncommon.

Disease and Insects: Juniper blight can be a serious problem, but less frequently on *J. communis*.

Landscape Use: Evergreen ground cover

Availability: Species plants are uncommon in trade, but varieties and cultivars are available in trade.