

Creeping Juniper

Juniperus horizontalis 'Blue Chip' (Family name: *Cupressaceae*)

Description: 'Blue Chip' is a prostrate cultivar with excellent blue foliage in the summer that turns purple in the winter. It is often used as groundcover. It is a great choice for sunny, dry locations.

Hardiness: USDA hardiness zones 3 to 9.

Natural Habitat: Native to Alaska, Canada, and northern United States.

Mature Size: Height: 8' to 10', Spread: 8' to 10'

Form (Shape): Dense, mounded, spreading.

Growth Rate: Slow to medium.

Foliage: Scale-like needles that are typically green to blue-green in growing seasons. Needles turn plum-purple in winter.

Texture: Medium to fine.

Flowers: Dioecious, inconspicuous.

Fruit: Dark blue fleshy, slightly glaucous seed cones

Light: Full sun.

Soil: Grows best in average, medium moisture, well-drained soil.

Propagation: Propagation can be done via cuttings or seeds.

Tree Failure Patterns: Tree failure is uncommon in northern areas. Less prosperous in southern zones.

Insects and Diseases: No serious insect or disease problems, but is susceptible to blights in rainy/wet springs.

Landscape Use: Can be used as groundcover, mass plantings for erosion control, and foundation plantings. Good for rocky areas.

Availability: Available in trade.