

Medora Juniper

Juniperus scopulorum 'Medora' (Family *Cupressaceae*)

Description: This has been the most popular Rocky Mountain juniper cultivar in this region for decades. Introduced at NDSU in 1954, very dense, compact and columnar requiring no pruning.

Hardiness: USDA hardiness zones 3 to 7.

Natural Habitat: Western North America.

Mature Size: Height: 10-15', Spread: 3-15'

Form (Shape): Narrow, pyramidal.

Growth Rate: Moderate.

Foliage: Coniferous foliage that is blue-grey in summer and winter.

Texture: Fine.

Flowers: Monecious or dioecious.

Fruit: Dark blue berry-like cones.

Light: Full sun to light shade.

Soil: Drought tolerant, prefers moist, well-drained loam, but will tolerate sandy soils.

Propagation: By seed or cuttings. May be grafted.

Failure Patterns: Tree failure is uncommon.

Disease and Insects: Susceptible to blights. Alternate host for cedar apple rust.

Landscape Use: Often used in shelter belts and windbreaks. Excellent nesting/cover and food source for wildlife.

Availability: Readily available in the nursery trade.