

## Japanese Garden Juniper

### *Juniperus procumbens* 'Nana'

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#### Summary:

Foliage: Short awl-like foliage (sharp-to-the-touch)

Height: About 1.5 feet tall

Spread: About 10 feet wide

Shape: Low-growing ground cover

Main features: Japanese garden juniper is a very attractive evergreen ground cover with somewhat bluish-green foliage. It is quite drought tolerant and requires a full sun exposure.

#### Plant Needs:

Zone: 4 to 7

Light: Full sun

Moisture: Average to dry

Soil type: Most types except poorly drained soils

pH: Acid to alkaline

#### Functions:

Japanese garden juniper is appropriate anywhere a low ground cover is needed; it is especially nice on slopes or cascading over rocks.

#### Care:

No special care is needed. This plant tolerates pruning but sharp foliage requires the use of gloves.

#### Additional Information:

Japanese garden juniper is a bit pricy in garden centers but that is because it is a relatively slow-growing plant. Weed infestation in this ground cover is minimal since it is over one foot tall; in contrast, weed infestation is much great in some of the relatively low-growing creeping juniper (*Juniperus horizontalis*) cultivars that are less than one foot tall.