# Juniper, Old Gold

***Juniperus x media 'Old Gold'***



*Juniper, Old Gold*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Pfitzer Juniper

**Description:**

A stunning color accent landscape evergreen; a compact spreader with arching branches in a striking gold, slightly droopy tips; a superb groundcover or massing plant for color with genuine character when mature

**Ornamental Features**

Juniper, Old Gold is a dwarf conifer which is primarily valued in the garden for its broadly spreading habit of growth. It has attractive yellow evergreen foliage which emerges gold in spring. The scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and turn lime green in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Juniper, Old Gold is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Juniper, Old Gold is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

**Planting & Growing**

Juniper, Old Gold will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

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This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. 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. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Ratings (2): Interior foliage can be raked up and bagged and seeds can be blown or raked onto the lawn and mowed or bagged. In the autumn few to some small cones can fall and can shed some inner foliage. Evergreens need to be watered during the winter. Our desert climate especially in late winter to early spring evergreens can suffer during next growing season. An easy way to remember check for dryness on the holidays Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, Valentines Day & Easter. During the growing season maintain regular deep watering.