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SPECIES	Juniperus conferta
COMMON NAME	Shore Juniper
ORIGIN	Native to coastal areas on the north Japanese island of Sakhalin
DESIGN USE	Seaside planting and rock gardens



HEIGHT

300–450 mm

SPREAD

Can cover area up to 3m

HABIT

Juniperus conferta is a dense, ground hugging conifer and has a soft, feathery look to it.

FORM

With aromatic gray green or blue green needlelike leaves about a half inch long and borne in fascicles of three. The needles are soft but sharp-tipped.

FLOWERS

Pinkish purple flowers with chartreuse spot in center

FLOWERING PERIOD

Late Winter and Spring

VARIATIONS

“Blue Pacifica” (blue green needles and a very dense, compact)

“Compacta” (shorter, less than a 0.3m tall, more compact)

“Silver Mist” (distinctively silvery)

“Emerald Sea” (looser, taller habit and bright green)

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

It is very drought tolerant. Shore juniper is very salt tolerant, and does well in dry, sandy soils.

HORTICULTURE

Likes full sun. Shore juniper will not be as dense if grown in partial shade. It is used for dune stabilization. Let shore juniper cascade over a sea wall for a functional and beautiful effect. Shore juniper is perfect for container and rock gardens.

REFERENCES

http://www.floridata.com/ref/J/juni_con.cfm

