

# North Dakota Tree Selector

**Scientific Name:** *Juniperus scopulorum*

**Family:** Cupressaceae (Cypress)

**Hardiness:** Zone 3

**Leaves:** Evergreen

**Plant Type:** Tree

## Growth

**Rate:** Slow

**Mature Height:** 25-45'

**Longevity:** Long

**Power Line:** No

## Ornamental

**Flowers:** Inconspicuous

**Fruit:** Small blue cone

**Fall Color:** n/a

## Rocky Mountain Juniper

### Description

A small to medium tree, typically with a dense pyramidal crown. Native to western North Dakota. Seedling plantings may exhibit a wide variety of forms. Many denser growing cultivars are used as ornamentals. The largest tree in North Dakota has a trunk circumference of 7 1/2 feet.

### Preferences

**Light:** Full sun.

**Water:** Likes moist soils, though very drought tolerant once established.

**Soil:** Adapted to a wide variety, tolerates salts and high pH.

### Comments

Rocky Mountain juniper is susceptible to cedar apple rust, however it rarely causes damage to the plant.

A large number of cultivated varieties are available, including:

'Cologreen'- is a semi-compact upright bright green form.

'Medora'- an NDSU variety with a narrow columnar form with a blue-green color.

'Grizzly Bear'- a fairly compact upright bluish juniper.

Credits: Tree selector website, North Dakota Tree Handbook, <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=s410>



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