

Creeping Juniper 'Wilton' (*Juniper horizontalis*)

4-6" x 6-8' groundcover, very flat-growing with excellent dense form, trailing branches. Fine delicate texture. Female form, grows 7-10"/year.

CT native. Species found in sandy and rocky soils and exposed situations, on dunes, gravelly slopes, and sea cliffs.

'Wilton' found on Vinalhaven, an island off the Maine coast, in 1914.

Intense silver-blue soft-textured scale-like leaves.

Retains summer color in winter, with a tinge of light purple. 1/4" silvery blue cones.

Sun, part shade.

Average to dry soil. Prefers dryish sandy soil.

Avoid highly acidic soil.

Avoid poorly drained soils.

Tolerates hot dry conditions once established.

Tolerates clay, if well-drained.

Tolerates poor or shallow rocky soil.

Tolerates salt exposure. Performs well in windy sites.

Adaptable. Low maintenance.

Excellent and rugged evergreen groundcover for a multitude of different soil types and sites.

Over time it will provide a dense, low growing carpet that prevents weed growth and keeps the soil intact.

Use in groups or masses as needed for a facer evergreen, near foundations, on slopes, or cascading over ledges and walls.

Its relative salt tolerance makes the plant useful near roads, driveways, and sidewalks.

Erosion control.

Deer resistant.

Cones/seeds eaten by birds, including Flickers, Cedar Waxwings
Cover for wildlife.

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