

Bonsai Tree Care ~ Juniper (Procumbens nana)

What is Bonsai?	Bonsai is the reproduction of trees in miniature. This art form has been practiced in Japan and China for centuries. Since Bonsai are grown in pots and not in the ground, they are solely dependent on you for their care. If cared for properly, your tree will live for years to come, increasing in beauty as it matures.
About Your Tree:	The Juniper tree is a dwarf evergreen tree native to Japan. It is extremely hardy and easy to care for. It is an outdoor tree and tolerates many adverse conditions. It's a great tree for beginners.
Placement:	Juniper prefer full sun. If the sun is very intense during the summer, it's best to put it in partial shade during the hottest weeks. Protect the tree during the winter by keeping it in a garage or shed or burying it up to the lowest branch in mulch. Juniper do best in USDA hardiness zones 4-8 and can survive freezing temperatures.
Watering:	In the summer and spring, water regularly by misting once-daily with shallower pots in hot, sunny locations. Keep the soil moist, but not soggy. Less water is needed in colder times, but don't let the soil dry out. Don't overwater the tree or it can cause root rot.
Notes:	Juniper bonsai are a favorite meal of spider mites. If you see webbing between the pine needles and yellowing of the leaves, they may be attacking your tree.

These are basic care guidelines to get you started. There are many fine books and other resources available to help you take care of your Bonsai as it matures. I hope you enjoy your new bonsai tree!

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