

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ASHE JUNIPERS

(aka Mountain Cedars)

THESE NATIVE TREES ARE NOT WATER HOGS

Juniper water use is similar to other native trees.^{3,7,9,15} Junipers and oaks can grow side by side since they have different water use strategies.²

Juniper cover catches 40%, NOT 70%, of rains. Tall grass prairie cover catches about the same.^{17,29}

Clearcutting junipers does not significantly increase spring flows.^{21,25,26} Spring flows return to pre-clear flows after 3-5 years.^{6,3,14,22}

THEY INCREASE GROUNDWATER FLOWS

On limestone bedrock with shallow soils, junipers increase groundwater flows and storage.^{5,8,21,22}

Texas A&M studies discovered Hill Country river levels have increased since the 1940s where junipers have respread.²⁷

YOU CAN STILL GET CEDAR FEVER IF YOU CUT THEM

Being within 200 miles of male junipers can still give you cedar fever.¹³ A more logical solution would be to take care of your immune system during cold and flu season. Laws that support removal of one allergy causing plant will set a precedent to remove other allergy causing plants such as oaks, elms, and prairie grasses.



THEY REBUILD DEGRADED SOIL

Better soil reduces downslope flooding and increases drought resilience.^{6,8,9,15,19,22,27}

THEY REDUCE AIR POLLUTION^{18,23}



STATE CHAMPION ASHE JUNIPER
450-700 YEARS OLD

THEY CAN LIVE HUNDREDS OF YEAR

These native specimen junipers have greater drought and wildfire resilience.^{10,11,12}



BERRIES HELP FEED WILD
TURKEYS IN WINTER

THEY PROVIDE IMPORTANT HABITAT^{1,10,14,18}

Dense canopies and berries shelter and feed wildlife in winter. Older juniper bark provides nesting materials for wildlife.



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