

Problem: Brown Coloration of Junipers



Plants Affected: Junipers

Description: Certain Eastern Redcedar and various other junipers show a brownish cast in the spring when viewed from a distance. This may very well be the male flowers. Male flowers are on the tips of the leaves and look somewhat like a cross between a miniature hand grenade and a pine cone. Shaking the branches on dry days will often result in a cloud of pollen being released.

Most junipers are dioecious; they have both male and female plants. Therefore, about half the junipers (the males) will have this coloration. Some years this shows up much more than others. The female flowers are much less obvious.

Recommendations: This is a completely normal process. The male flowers will fade as springtime progresses and the natural color will return.

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