

# Ashe Juniper

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The Ashe Juniper is the dominant tree of our area. It is a member of the Cypress family and has an irregular twisted trunk with bark which is shredded in long strips, and dark green foliage with scale-like leaves. It is dioecious with separate male and female plants. The heavy tree cover it provides lets little rain reach the ground. The berries are eaten by wildlife, and it is the host plant for the Olive hairstreak butterfly. Golden-cheeked warblers use the bark of old trees, and spider webs, to make their nests. It produces heavy yellow pollen in the late fall and early winter.

