Silver Frost Artemisia

Artemisia ludoviciana 'Silver Frost'



Silver Frost Artemisia
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Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Wormwood, Sage, Mugwort

Description:

Fragrant silvery-white foliage are the focus of this selection; a compact-upright habit, excellent for garden beds or large containers; drought tolerant once established; prune in fall to keep compact and shapely

Ornamental Features

Silver Frost Artemisia's attractive deeply cut ferny leaves emerge silver in spring, turning gray in colour throughout the season on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Silver Frost Artemisia is a dense herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Silver Frost Artemisia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Silver Frost Artemisia will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for clay, alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.