Silver Mound Artemisia

Artemisia schmidtiana 'Silver Mound'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 1b

Other Names: Wormwood, Sage, Mugwort

Description:

A low growing, mat forming selection featuring silvery fern-like foliage; excellent performance when used in garden beds, borders, rock gardens or as groundcover; low maintenance and drought tolerant once established

Ornamental Features

Silver Mound Artemisia is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. Its attractive deeply cut ferny compound leaves remain silver in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Silver Mound Artemisia is a dense herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Silver Mound Artemisia is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Silver Mound Artemisia
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Silver Mound Artemisia foliage
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Planting & Growing

Silver Mound Artemisia will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. 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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.

Silver Mound Artemisia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a canvas of foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.