Longfellow's Greenhouses

Silver Falls™ Dichondra

Dichondra argentea 'Silver Falls'

Height: 3 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

Vigorous growth with a strong trailing habit, this variety is perfect for cascading out of hanging baskets or containers; suitable as low growing ground cover; heat and drought tolerant selection features beautiful silver-white fan shaped leaves

Ornamental Features

Silver Falls Dichondra is primarily valued in the garden for its spreading and trailing habit of growth. Its attractive tiny tomentose fan-shaped leaves remain grayish green in color with hints of silver throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Silver Falls Dichondra is an herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. 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 can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Silver Falls Dichondra is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



Silver Falls Dichondra foliage
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Planting & Growing

Silver Falls Dichondra will grow to be only 3 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

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 not particular as to soil type or pH, 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 cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Silver Falls Dichondra is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its trailing habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.



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