



Silver Tumbleweed Cushion Bush
Calocephalus 'Silver Tumbleweed'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: syn. Leucophyta

Description:

This variety has a trailing, bushy habit and soft stems with finely textured silver foliage; a fine contrasting addition to mixed containers or baskets, or mass in the garden for a stunning effect

Ornamental Features

Silver Tumbleweed Cushion Bush has attractive silver evergreen foliage on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The tiny scale-like leaves are highly ornamental and remain silver throughout the winter. The white stems are very effective and add winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Silver Tumbleweed Cushion Bush is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Silver Tumbleweed Cushion Bush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Silver Tumbleweed Cushion Bush
 foliage*
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Planting & Growing

Silver Tumbleweed Cushion Bush will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Silver Tumbleweed Cushion Bush makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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 larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.