FanciFiller™ Chrome Fountain Centaurea

Centaurea 'Chrome Fountain'



FanciFiller Chrome Fountain Centaurea foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Dusty Miller

Description:

Striking silver-white foliage creates stunning contrast and texture in hanging baskets, patio container or garden landscapes; a well branched, vase shaped selection that is low maintenance and easy to grow; heat loving and drought tolerant

Ornamental Features

FanciFiller Chrome Fountain Centaurea's attractive tomentose lobed leaves remain white in color with hints of silver throughout the year on a plant with a vase-shaped habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

FanciFiller Chrome Fountain Centaurea is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an indistinguished habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

FanciFiller Chrome Fountain Centaurea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

FanciFiller Chrome Fountain Centaurea will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. 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 4 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. 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. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

FanciFiller Chrome Fountain Centaurea is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. 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.