Large Wormwood

Artemisia arborescens



Large Wormwood
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Tree Wormwood, Shrubby European Wormwood

Description:

Beautiful lacy silver foliage is valued for its texture and aromatic scent; this large variety attracts wildlife and is resistant to deer; does best in poor, dry soils; an ideal contrasting accent plant for adverse conditions where little else will grow

Ornamental Features

Large Wormwood's attractive small deeply cut narrow leaves remain grayish green in color with hints of silver throughout the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. It features subtle panicles of yellow daisy flowers along the branches in late spring. The creamy white stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Large Wormwood is a multi-stemmed evergreen 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. 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
- Self-Seeding



Large Wormwood foliage
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Large Wormwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Large Wormwood will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. Although it is technically a woody plant, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as a perennial in our climate if planted outdoors over the winter, usually regrowing from its base (crown) the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

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. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America..

Large Wormwood is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.