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Silver Dollar Plant

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Crassula arborescens

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Description:

A small, heavy bodied shrub with attractive, round silver-dollar leaves that are often edged in maroon-pink with reddish spots; very drought-tolerant and does well in poor soils; flowers infrequently; an excellent choice for containers and rock gardens



Silver Dollar Plant
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Silver Dollar Plant foliage
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Ornamental Features

Silver Dollar Plant is bathed in stunning corymbs of white star-shaped flowers with pink overtones at the ends of the branches in late winter. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive silver foliage edged in pink which emerges grayish green in spring. The succulent round leaves are highly ornamental and remain silver throughout the winter. The smooth gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Silver Dollar Plant is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. 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.

Silver Dollar Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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Planting & Growing

Silver Dollar Plant will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 years.

This shrub 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 xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. 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, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. It can be propagated by division.

Silver Dollar Plant makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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 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. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.