

# **Agriculture and Natural Resources**

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Arkansas Diamonds Plants: (Dichondra argentea 'Silver Falls')

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#### **General Information**

#### Dichondra argentea 'Silver Falls'

Scientific Name: Dichondra argenta

**Pronunciation:** dye-KON-druh ar-JEN-tee-uh

Common Name: Silver Falls Dichondra

Family: Convolvulaceae

**Plant Type:** Summer herbaceous annual or tender perennial

**Uses:** Cascading element in containers; ground cover; hanging baskets; mixed plantings

**USDA Hardiness Zones:** 10 – 12; grown as an annual in Arkansas

**Origin:** Southwestern United States and Mexico

**Availability:** Widely available in the trade

#### Description

**Height:** 2 - 6" tall

Spread: 3 - 4' (trailing)

**Plant Habit/Form:** Trailing; cascading; spreading

**Growth Rate:** Fast

Texture: Fine

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#### Foliage

**Color:** Silvery-gray to silver-green

**Leaf Value to Gardener:** Unique color and soft texture provide excellent contrast in mixed containers and beds

**Bloom Time:** Occasionally produces small, inconspicuous flowers

**Leaf Shape:** Rounded to kidney-shaped

Petals: 4-5 petals/ray

**Size:**  $\frac{1}{2}$ " -  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide

**Description:** Small, rounded leaves with a slightly fuzzy surface; foliage is the primary ornamental feature

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### Culture

**Light Requirement:** Full sun preferred; tolerates light shade

**Soil Tolerances:** Well-drained soils; tolerates heat, humidity, and drought once established

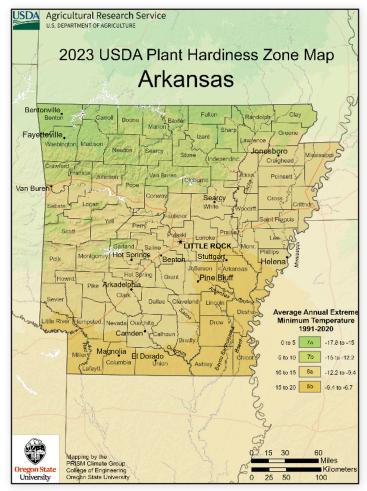
Drought Tolerance:  $\operatorname{High}$ 

Plant Spacing: 18-24 inches

### **Use and Management**

'Silver Falls' Dichondra is a heat-loving, drought-tolerant trailing plant perfect for spilling over the edges of containers, walls, and hanging baskets. It adds a shimmering silver accent and a cool, soft texture to summer plantings. This plant thrives in Arkansas' hot summers and requires minimal care once established. While technically a tender perennial, it is most commonly grown as an annual.

'Silver Falls' is non-toxic and generally considered safe for use around children and pets.





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