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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

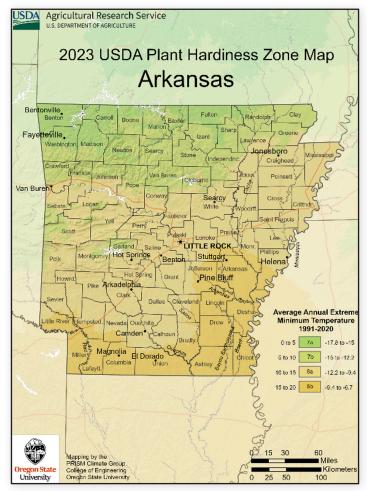
Drought Tolerance: High

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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