Silver Tree

Leucadendron argenteum

Height: 40 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: Silver Leaf Tree

Description:

This strikingly beautiful accent tree has soft, shimmering silver-gray foliage all along the branches; water regularly and protect from drying winds

Ornamental Features

Silver Tree has attractive grayish green-variegated silver foliage on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The fuzzy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain silver throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Silver Tree is a multi-stemmed evergreen tree with a shapely oval form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Silver Tree is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Container Planting



Silver Tree
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Planting & Growing

Silver Tree will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for poor, alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This species is not originally from North America.

Silver Tree is a fine choice for the yard, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used 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.