Large Wormwood

Artemisia arborescens



Large Wormwood
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 9b

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 has attractive grayish green foliage with hints of silver on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The small deeply cut narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter. It features subtle panicles of yellow daisy flowers along the branches in late spring. The rough dark brown bark and creamy white branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.



Large Wormwood foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Large Wormwood is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This shrub 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 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, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub 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 xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. 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 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.