

Botanical Name: Helichrysum petiolare

Common Name: Licorice plant

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape loose, rangy plant with long spreading stems which can root at the nodes; foliage is silvery-white, requires frequent heading back for control

Height 3-4' Spread 6-8' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun; gets even more rangy in partial shade

Soil tolerates any soil, prefers good drainage

Hardiness some frost (zones 16,17, 22-24)

Morphology:

Leaves nearly orbicular, to 1" across, velvety white color, alternate on stems; more dense in full sun

Flowers small heads to 1/4" across in cymes 2" across; creamy white usually spring in summer

Fruit small achenes

Propagation: stem cuttings any time

Usage: rangy ground cover in dry areas, good with other perennials and native shrubs, drought tolerant areas

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering, drought tolerant when established

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release at planting

Pruning head back regularly to keep controlled, force dense growth

Pests/Diseases root rot in poorly drained areas

Special Conditions

Origin: S. Africa Family: Asteraceae