

Botanical Name: Artemisia absinthium

Common Name: Common wormwood

Type of Plant: dicot; perennial Family Asteraceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape dense, rounded, semi-woody perennial, with fine, silvery foliage and a graceful form; long-lived in well-drained soils

Height to 5 feet Spread to 5 feet Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil benefits from well-drained soil; will tolerate most soils

Hardiness hardy (all zones)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnatifid, finely divided with silky white surfaces; lacy and delicate in appearance

Flowers tiny yellow heads to 1/8" across in terminal panicles; become unsightly when mature and are usually removed

Fruit tiny achenes

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: superb for gray foliage, often used as a filler behind blue flowering annuals, delphiniums or iris; a common staple for gray-foliage gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates regular watering but looks best if kept on the dry side - especially in heavy soils

Fertilizing none

Pruning head back regularly for best appearance - takes hard pruning

Pests/Diseases root rot in heavy soils

Other usually described as short lived, but often lives 10+ years

Origin: Northern Europe