

Botanical Name: Senecio vira-vira

Common Name: Silver groundsel

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape loose, sprawling plant with trailing branches pointing upward, forms a dense mass when pinched regularly

Height to 4' Spread to 4' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to partial shade

Soil needs good drainage

Hardiness hardy (all zones)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnatifid, simple leaves with narrowly pointed lobes, bright white color -- elliptical shape to 6" long

Flowers inconspicuous white flowers which are usually removed

Fruit small achenes

Propagation: stem cuttings throughout the year

Usage: excellent gray filler for smaller beds or landscapes, contrasts nicely with green foliage, flowering perennials or shrubs

Landscape Care:

Watering average watering -- can be kept dry

Fertilizing balanced, slow release fertilizer when planting

Pruning pinch or head back regularly to encourage density

Pests/Diseases root rot in poorly drained soils

Special Conditions

Origin: Argentina Family: Compositae