

Botanical Name: Plectranthus argentea

Common Name: Silver Swedish Ivy

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, rangy, loose plant with a rounded habit; tends to be very open and sprawling if not pinched and pruned heavily

Height 3 to 4' Spread 3 to 4' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor partial shade to shade

Soil any soil with good drainage

Hardiness tender (zones 22-24)

Morphology:

Leaves ovate to rounded, oppositely arranged, to 6" long, leathery above, fine felted beneath, young foliage silvery

Flowers terminal panicles of small white flowers, usually forming spring to early summer

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: loose filler for silvery color in dry shaded areas; makes a fairly large filler in a planter area or herbaceous border

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates drought when established; takes average water during first year

Fertilizing balanced, slow release fertilizer at planting time

Pruning head back frequently to encourage dense canopy

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions remove flowers and pinch often for best appearance

Origin: So. Africa Family: Labiatae