Valerie Finnis Artemisia

Artemisia ludoviciana 'Valerie Finnis'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Wormwood, Sage, Mugwort, White Sage

Description:

Tall non-woody stems of silvery-white foliage is the focus of this selection; a compact-upright habit, excellent for garden beds or large containers; drought tolerant once established; prune in fall to keep compact and shapely



Valerie Finnis Artemisia foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Valerie Finnis Artemisia's attractive fragrant narrow leaves remain silver in color throughout the season on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth.



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Landscape Attributes

Valerie Finnis Artemisia is a dense herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. 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

Valerie Finnis Artemisia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Valerie Finnis Artemisia will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant 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 a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for clay, alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.