FAMILY TREE NURSERY

Silver Drop Cider Gum

Eucalyptus gunnii 'Silver Drop'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Other Names: Silver Drop Eucalyptus

Description:

Foliage is very ornamental and widely used in fresh or dried floral arrangements; a beautiful landscape specimen, alone or in groups; size can be maintained by pruning, or it can be cut back to the ground like a perennial shrub in cooler climates

Ornamental Features

Silver Drop Cider Gum has attractive silver foliage with bluish-green undersides on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The fragrant round leaves are highly ornamental and remain silver throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Silver Drop Cider Gum is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Silver Drop Cider Gum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Silver Drop Cider Gum foliage
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Planting & Growing

Silver Drop Cider Gum will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for sandy, acidic soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Silver Drop Cider Gum makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.



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