

Arkansas Diamonds Plants:

(*Dichondra argentea* ‘Silver Falls’)

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General Information

Dichondra argentea ‘Silver Falls’

Scientific Name: *Dichondra argenta*

Pronunciation: dye-KON-druh
ar-JEN-tee-uh

Common Name: Silver Falls Dichondra

Family: *Convolvulaceae*

Plant Type: Summer herbaceous
annual or tender perennial

Uses: Cascading element in con-
tainers; ground cover; hanging
baskets; mixed plantings

USDA Hardiness Zones: 10 – 12;
grown as an annual in Arkansas

Origin: Southwestern United States
and Mexico

Availability: Widely available in the
trade

Description

Height: 2 – 6” tall

Spread: 3 – 4’ (trailing)

Plant Habit/Form: Trailing; cascading;
spreading

Growth Rate: Fast

Texture: Fine

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Foliage

Color: Silvery-gray to silver-green

Leaf Value to Gardener: Unique color
and soft texture provide excellent
contrast in mixed containers and
beds

Bloom Time: Occasionally produces
small, inconspicuous flowers

Leaf Shape: Rounded to kidney-
shaped

Petals: 4-5 petals/ray

Size: ½” – ¾” wide

Description: Small, rounded leaves
with a slightly fuzzy surface; foliage
is the primary ornamental feature

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Culture

Light Requirement: Full sun preferred; tolerates light shade

Soil Tolerances: Well-drained soils; tolerates heat, humidity, and drought once established

Drought Tolerance: High

Plant Spacing: 18-24 inches

Use and Management

‘Silver Falls’ Dichondra is a heat-loving, drought-tolerant trailing plant perfect for spilling over the edges of containers, walls, and hanging baskets. It adds a shimmering silver accent and a cool, soft texture to summer plantings. This plant thrives in Arkansas’ hot summers and requires minimal care once established. While technically a tender perennial, it is most commonly grown as an annual.

‘Silver Falls’ is non-toxic and generally considered safe for use around children and pets.

Figure 1: USDA Hardiness Zones represented in Arkansas.

