Angel Wings® Senecio

Senecio candicans 'Senaw'



Angel Wings Senecio
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Other Names: Dusty Miller, Silver Ragwort

Description:

A beautiful, striking variety producing heart shaped, silvery-white foliage that is soft to the touch, with toothy edges; grown primarily for foliage, trim flower stems to promote new basal growth; great for edging, containers, or massed as groundcover



Angel Wings Senecio foliage
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Ornamental Features

Angel Wings Senecio's attractive large tomentose heart-shaped leaves emerge white in spring, turning silver in color with hints of dark gray throughout the season on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The white stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Angel Wings Senecio is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Angel Wings Senecio is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Angel Wings Senecio will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. 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 not particular as to soil type or pH, 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.

Angel Wings Senecio is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a canvas of foliage against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.