

Dichondra Silver Falls

The perfect hanging basket specimen? Little water required, trailing and really striking.

Other common names Silver Dichondra, Silver Pony-foot and Kidneyweed.

Dichondra argentea

Family Convolvulaceae

Relatives Morning Glory and Convolvulus. *Dichondra argentea* is obviously closely related to *D. repens*, *Dichondra Silver Falls* which is the green leafed form. As the name *repens* suggests this is a prostrate form, we find that it has a more rounded, mounding habit than *D. argentea*.

Origin. Appears to be Mexican, but I could easily be proved wrong.

Cultivation. Grow them tough! We have found that *Dichondra Silver Falls* grows best in a sunny position with very little water. Maintaining a tough growing environment keeps the plants from straggling out too much. An odd thing to say about a hanging basket specimen that trails 3' and more, but you will just have to trust me the silvery falls effect is better if you don't feed and supply very little water. The thing is *Dichondra* will grow really well in shady positions as well.

Mind you with relatives like Morning Glory it is best to watch for weediness. We haven't noticed them sprouting everywhere and I haven't seen them listed with the weeds.

Uses. Baskets and ground covers. Baskets speak for themselves. As a ground cover I believe *D. argentea* works very well in those dry areas under larger plants but it is not recommended for trafficked areas.



D. argentea Silver Falls



D. repens Emerald Falls