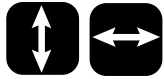




Euphorbia characias ssp. wulfenii

'Silver Swan' [Ⓢ]



Height: 75cm
Spread: 75cm



FULL SUN



CONTAINER



ATTRACTIVE FOLIAGE



DRY TOLERANT



MIXED BORDERS

FEATURES:

- Variety of architectural delight - strong upright habit.
- Year round ornamental foliage - variegated grey-green with silver edging.
- Creamy coloured floral sprays appear from late winter into early spring.
- Low maintenance and easy to grow.

SUGGESTED USES:

- Water wise for gardens or large containers.
- Small gardens and coastal regions.
- Fast results for new gardens.
- Colour and interest for cooler months.

CULTURAL CARE

Grows well in most soils which are well draining. Once established water requirements are very low but do not allow to dry out completely over extended periods of heat. Generally no pruning required other than removal of spent flower stems to encourage bushy growth. When pruning use gloves as sap can be irritating to skin and eyes. Apply a slow release fertiliser during summer.



Euphorbias are true workhorses of the garden border needing little attention for a year round display of texture and when in bloom - colour over the cooler months. The Euphorbia genus is a very large one with species being found on every continent except Antarctica. They all share some similar traits - their milky sap can cause skin irritation, so wear gloves if pruning - and their flowers are not in fact flowers! All euphorbias produce displays of what seem to be blooms but are actually modified leaves commonly known as bracts and what many would mistake as petals. Within the bracts are contained the reproductive part which often exhibits nectar rich glands of a contrasting colour to the bracts. A rich reward for insect pollinators in the cooler months. E. 'Silver Swan' adds bulk and sparkle to mixed borders where it should be complemented with richly coloured perennials such as a blend of varieties from the Agastache FIESTA range, also Penstemon BELL TOWER range, Nepeta 'Dropmore', Coreopsis 'Jive' and Salvia 'African Sky'. For a more foliage based border display, mix with other sun loving Euphorbias such as E. 'Craigieburn' and E. 'Ascot Rainbow'. To these you could add deep coloured foliage of Loropetalum 'Plum Gorgeous', Eucomis 'Sparkling Burgundy' and add a little more silvery tones with Convolvulus 'Silver Moon'.