



Eucalyptus Planting Guide

About Eucalyptus

Silver Dollar Eucalyptus, *Eucalyptus cinerea*, is a variety of eucalyptus that is known for its distinctive silvery-blue leaves which are round and coin-like, hence the name. They have a beautiful, unique texture that adds interest to any landscape. The leaves of Silver Dollar Eucalyptus have a pleasant, refreshing aroma that can help to clear the mind and promote relaxation. It is commonly used in aromatherapy and essential oils.

When to Plant

Sow eucalyptus seeds into cell trays or open flats 10 to 12 weeks before your last frost. Expect germination in 14 to 21 days at 65°F to 75°F.

Where to Plant

Eucalyptus prefers full sun and well-draining soil. Choose a location that gets at least six hours of direct sunlight per day where the soil is slightly acidic and has good drainage. You can add peat moss or compost to the soil to improve drainage and provide nutrients. Eucalyptus plants prefer moist soil but do not tolerate standing water. Silver Dollar Eucalyptus is fast-growing, making it an excellent choice for creating a quick screen or windbreak. Make sure to allow plenty of room around your planting.

How to Plant

It is best to start eucalyptus seeds indoors, about 10 to 12 weeks before the last frost. First, place seeds in a container with warm water and let them soak for 24 hours to help soften the seed coat and encourage germination. Plant seeds about 1/8 inch deep and lightly cover them with fine vermiculite. Do not cover seeds with too much soil, and consider watering from the bottom or misting the seeds to avoid covering the seeds with too much displaced soil. Transplant into four-inch pots when the first true leaves appear. Harden off and transplant after all danger of frost has passed. In warmer zones that do not experience frost, eucalyptus is grown as a perennial.

Caring for Eucalyptus

Water the soil deeply once or twice a week, depending on the weather conditions. Eucalyptus is fast-growing and requires regular pruning to maintain its shape. Once established, Silver Dollar Eucalyptus is relatively low maintenance. It is drought-tolerant and can adapt to a wide range of soil types. Fertilize with a balanced fertilizer once a month during the growing season.