



MAYESH CERTIFIED AWESOME BLOSSOM

JANUARY: DUSTY MILLER

Senecio cineraria also known as Dusty miller is a species of Senecio from the family Asteraceae, a native perennial of the Mediterranean. Dusty Miller is grown primarily for its stunning silver-gray foliage rather than its flowers. The silvery-white color works well in traditional, formal wedding designs, but looks equally great in informal or cottage-style designs.

Dusty miller is a favorite because it looks good with everything. While its silvery color is striking, this plant has more than just color going for it, as the picture shows. The fine-textured delicate foliage texture of Dusty Miller, with its deep indentations along the edges, contrasts strikingly with all other types of green foliage whose leaves have smoother edges. The foliage also looks good in cut arrangements. Cut and soak the base of the stem before arranging.



Description: Velvety lacey shaped silver-grey leaves with ruffled edges; leaves have a shape resembling oak leaves.

Uses: Excellent for corsages and wedding bouquets, very attractive when contrasted with pinks, blues, purples and even whites.

Availability: Year round

Scientific name: Senecio cineraria

Dusty Miller is a popular foliage plant grown for its cool, silvery, woolly-felted leaves. Dusty Miller is generally listed as Senecio cineraria and is a name shared with several other plants that also have silvery leaves; the two most often to share the name are Centaurea cineraria and Lychnis coronaria. There are at least eight different garden plants commonly called "Dusty Miller". All are characterized by woolly, silvery-gray foliage. Senecio cineraria is perhaps the most well-known. As its name implies, the leaves are a dusty silver, almost white color, slightly soft and fuzzy like velour. Some varieties bear leaves that are very lacey and some are larger and solid in shape. In the floral industry this is a more practical foliage as it is grown commercially and is increasing in, not only popularity, but also availability as we, who deal in wholesale flowers, see farms in South America starting to grow it as well as local farms. The plant has a small yellow flower spike that is relatively unimportant. Most growers cut the flower off to encourage growth of the leaves as that is where the beauty of this plant lies.

For more information on the availability of this product, please contact your local Mayesh floral professional.