

## Artemisia absinthium - Plant



Wormwood, Absinthe

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Description Artemisia is a shrubby perennial plant. The root is fibrous and woody and the stems are branched and have an ash-grey bark. The plant can grow up to 4 ft. tall. The species has pale or sage-green leaves that are pinnate and finely divided. The leaflets are very narrow, linear, entire and concave on the upper and lower surfaces.

Flowers are very rarely seen but are pale yellow; they are found at the extremities of branches and are small and numerous. The species also has an aromatic fragrance.

**Common name:** southernwood, Lad's Love, Old man, Appleringie, Boy's Love, Maid's Ruin, Old Man's Tree, Maiden's Ruin, wormwood

**Color:** Yellowish-white

**Bloom time:** August to October

**Height:** Height: 3.00 to 4.00 feet Spread: 2.00 to 3.00 feet

**Difficulty level:** Easy

### Planting & Care

Best grown in organically rich, dry to medium moisture, well-drained soils in full sun. Prefers a neutral soil. Avoid wet soils. Appreciates a sheltered location. Established plants have drought tolerance.

Cut plants to the ground in early spring. Dividing the clumps every 3-4 years will help keep plants robust. Plants will thrive in dry heat, but generally dislike the hot and humid conditions of the deep South.

**Sunlight:** Full Sun or Partial Shade

**Soil:** Well draining soil, and adequate moisture although they are tolerant of drought. pH : 6 to 7.5

**Water:** Dry to medium

**Fertilizer:** Established plants can benefit from fertilization. Take a visual inventory of your landscape. Trees need to be fertilized every few years. Shrubs and other plants in the landscape can be fertilized yearly.

### Care:

- Susceptible to root rot in moist soils, particularly poorly drained ones.

**Special Feature:**

Southernwood is an aromatic herb that is grown in herb gardens. It also may be effectively grown in borders or along walks or paths. Low hedge. Herb containers.

Use

**Medicinal use:**

- Southernwood is usually cultivated for its essential oil, which contains absinthol and is used in herbal teas, potpourris or medicinally.
- Medicinally, southernwood herb plants were used as an antiseptic, astringent, stimulant and tonic, and have also been used to fight coughs, tumors and cancers.
- There is some thought that southernwood Artemisia can also be used as an insect repellent.

**Culinary use:**

- The young shoots were used to add flavour to pastries and puddings, while branches were used to dye wool a deep yellow hue.

**Note:**

For medicinal use, please consult appropriate doctor / physician before use.

**Reference:**

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