



Dusty Miller *Centaurea gymnocarpa* 03-23



<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 1-24, H1, H2	Full sun	Soil tolerant, add lime to acid soils	Moderate watering	Cineraria solitary 1 inch flower heads (purple, occasionally yellow) Gymnocarpa several purple flowers at stem end	1-3 feet tall

Gray foliage in sun or shade is the ticket here. Caution should be taken because this is a vigorous plant. With no care it will readily grow to 10 feet across often swallowing everything in its path. It can, with moderate effort, be kept in check. This provides plenty of material for the compost heap. It will bloom in sun or shade. It is one of only a few gray plants that I know that will perform in dry shady conditions. [Helichrysum petiolare](#) and [Plectranthus argentatus](#) are other grey plants that can take a shady condition. It has survived temperatures into the low 20's without damage.