

# Silver Cloak Fern



**Shade-loving,  
and deer re-  
sistant**

## **Cheilanthes argentea**

- **Use:** An excellent dryland fern that thrives in conditions most ferns will not. Perfect for areas where water is limited. Excellent for use in low water rock gardens, along a retaining wall, or tucked into a container.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part shade–shade. This easy, dependable fern thrives in moist settings, but tolerates drier sites when established.
- **Growth:** Forms clump 6 to 10 in. tall, slowly spreading up to 12 in. wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9 Perennial. Winter hardy but needs protection from wet conditions
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Forms a prostrate, spreading clump of unique, deeply dissected, star-shaped fronds with green topsides and notably white undersides.
- **Flower:** none