# Silver Carpet

Very Important Plant Report for the Very Important UCCE Master Gardener San Diego Class on May 2, 2023 by Susan Ross

## This silver carpet: Dymondia margaretae

### **Plant Description**



#### Perennial:

- Evergreen Dicot
- Spreads via Rhizomes
- Dense prostrate growth
  - Slow growing



Photo source: SANBI

### Plant Description cont.



#### Leaves:

- Shape is lance-like
- Edges curl up
- Green-grey appearing variegated
- Leaf is thick & rigid with soft underside



### Dymondia margaretae Origin



Map of South Africa in world

#### Named after Miss Margaret E. Dryden-Dymond Now **Endangered** in its native habitat

#### Family Asteraceae Key trait – Capitulum, an inflorescent flower head



#### Another Nickname: Carpet Daisy

### Dymondia Care



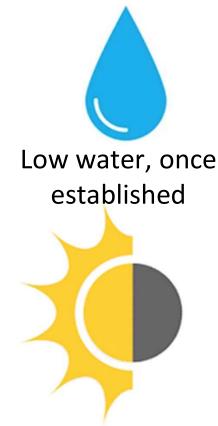
Use as lawn alternative



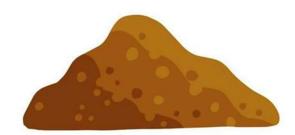
Great for small spaces



Handles light foot traffic



Grows in full sun to shade



Grows in average to poor soil



Minimal weeds, once full



Disease uncommon



### References:

University of California ANR (multiple) South African National Biodiversity Institute University of Hawaii Dept. of Botany



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