

Botanical Name: Santolina chamaecyparissus

Common Name: Lavender cotton

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape densely branched, erect, rounded form -- tends to spread
and become more open if unpruned--can grow as a groundcover or very low shrub

Height 1-2' Spread 2-4' Growth Rate slow - moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun

Soil tolerates most--avoid wet clay

Hardiness hardy (all zones) tolerates desert heat

Morphology:

Leaves pinnatifid-pinnate, alternate, oblong, silvery gray,
minutely tomentose, aromatic

Flowers yellow heads, no rays, 1/2-3/4" diameter, on 6-10" stalks;
May-July

Fruit tiny achene

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings, seed

Usage: excellent facer or small area ground cover for its
distinctive gray foliage, rock gardens, container plant; may be pruned into
small formal borders

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak, avoid overwatering; short lived
in wet soils

Fertilizing very little needed after established

Pruning head back to 6-12" if it becomes leggy

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Med.region Family: Compositae