

Botanical Name: Santolina 'Pretty Carol'

Common Name: Dwarf santolina

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape densely branched, low, spreading form; can sprawl out to  
become a groundcover or low facer with minimal pruning; tends to grow more  
upright if left unpruned

Height to 16" Spread to 2 ft. Growth Rate slow-mod.

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to part shade

Soil tolerates most soils with good drainage

Hardiness hardy, tolerates desert heat (zones 2-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnatifid-pinnate, alternate, oblong, silvery gray,  
minutely tomentose, forms leaves to 1-1/4" long

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

Fruit tiny achene

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: excellent silver groundcover for its distinctive foliage  
and flower display; use in rock gardens, Mediterranean theme gardens, mixed  
into dry borders or with California native plants

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak, avoid over-watering--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: Mediterranean region Family: Compositae