

Botanical Name: Helichrysum apiculatum

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Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Asteraceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape small perennial with gray-green foliage and tiny orange-yellow flowers which nearly obscure leaves; usually dense and compact

Height to 1 ft. Spread to 18" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil prefers a well-drained loam; fairly tolerant of most soils

Hardiness tolerates some frost Zones 17, 19, 22-24

Morphology:

Leaves elliptic to lanceolate, to 2-1/2" long, gray-green, often hairy both above and below

Flowers tiny, orange-yellow heads without ray flowers, arranged in terminal clusters held above foliage; flower size and color vary with variety

Fruit tiny achenes

Propagation: herbaceous cuttings, seed

Usage: excellent container plant, also used in rock gardens, mixed into small scale perennial gardens, with natives or other drought tolerant plants, as a facer or mass plantings

Landscape Care:

Watering very drought tolerant when established; may rot in waterlogged soils

Fertilizing slow release fertilizer at planting time

Pruning head back occasionally to induce branching and maintain form

Pests/Diseases none of importance

Other _____

Origin: Australia