

Santolina (*Santolina chamaecyparissus*)



Native Range: Mediterranean **Sun/Shade:** Prefers full sun

Flowers: Yellow button shaped flowers in late spring/ early summer. Grown more for its interesting foliage, either silver/gray or dark green, than its flowers.

Landscape Use: Looks and performs well trailing over walls. One of the few plants that can be planted directly into native rock ledges. Also makes a good accent plant in beds complimenting many other plants. Acceptable as a temporary groundcover but will not be without flaws. Grows best in cooler growing season months but is a survivor of heat for its life-span. Usually lasts about five year here but may last longer.

Size: One foot tall and two feet around. Left untrimmed grows like a Mexican Sombrero hat.

Type: Evergreen flowering perennial.

Deer Resistance: Very Deer-resistant. Deer have been known to pull newly planted Santolina out of the ground but leave it laying there uneaten.

Drought Tolerance: Very drought tolerant but looks best with occasional

watering.

Soil: Not particular about soil as long as it drains well and does not remain constantly wet. Does well in rocky soil or even better with soil enhancement.

Water: Smart Watering Principle=Water well when first planted then allow to dry slightly, without wilting, then water deeply again, etc. Do not keep constantly wet.

Fertilizer: Looks even better with mild fertilization.

Maintenance Tips: Trim lightly and often with weed-eater or clippers when it is actively growing to keep it more compact and less woody.

Rating: Rates high as a landscape plant.