



Helichrysum scorpioides

Button Everlasting



(Seeds of South Australia)

Form: *Low shrub*

Height: 0.2 – 0.5 m

Spread: 0.2 – 0.3 m

Flowers: Yellow

Type: Clusters



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Adult
Australian
Painted
Lady

(Hunt, L, SA Butterflies & Moths)

Flowering time: *Spring, Winter*

Ecological functions:



Soils: *sand, clay or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral*

Germination rate: *3 to 4 weeks*

Seed collecting: cut off mature heads and place in a container, keep dry. Flower heads will fall apart. Add small amount of insecticide to collected material before sorting.

Seed treatment: none

Sowing requirements: sow on top of damp soil and cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in Autumn-Spring. Sow in full sun, not under shade cloth. Keep ants off.

Position: full sun

Supplementary watering: minimal

Uses: hardy perennial with yellow papery bracts under-planting. Useful as a filler or edging plant. Good for under planting around taller trees. Food source of Australian Painted Lady (*Vanessa kershawi*).

Notes: grows best in moist soils.