



# Xerochrysum bracteatum

## Everlasting Daisy



(Jashin, B, iNaturalist Australia)

**Form:** *Groundcover*



(Fagg, M, Australian Plant Image Index)

**Height:** *0.2 – 0.8 m*



Adult Australian  
Painted Lady

(Hunt, L, SA Butterflies & Moths)

**Spread:** *0.2 – 0.8 m*

**Flowers:** *Yellow*

**Type:** *Daisy*

**Flowering time:** *Spring*

**Ecological functions:**



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

**Germination rate:** *1 to 3 weeks*

**Seed collecting:** collect whole flower heads that are brown or collect hard, brown seeds that are easily removed from the head. Place in a tray to dry. Then rub the heads gently to dislodge the seeds. Viable seeds will be dark and hard. Store seeds with a desiccant in an air tight container in a cool and dry place.

**Seed treatment:** none

**Sowing requirements:** sprinkle seeds over seed bed. Then cover seeds with equal amount of sand or fine gravel to anchor. Sow from Autumn to early Spring.

**Position:** full sun

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** a perennial herb. Useful in native landscapes, verges, rockeries and borders for weed suppression. Attracts native butterflies and insects. Food host to Australian Painted Lady (*Vanessa kershawi*) caterpillars.

**Notes:** previously known as *Helichrysum bracteatum*.