

Santolina chamaecyparissus

(Lavender Cotton, Gray Santolina)

Santolina chamaecyparissus is a great drought tolerant plant for garden hot spots. It is an evergreen, aromatic subshrub with compact habit with an unusual cylindrical shape of the small, thick, silvery-white finely divided foliage. In July-August it is covered in small, bright yellow, pompon shaped flowers. Santolina looks denser and more uniform if the flowers are removed. It needs light for good garden performance, permeable soil but also grows well in dry, stony soil. It is often used for group planting or borders and is easily grown in pots and containers.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: san-toh-LEE-nuh kam-ee-ky-par-ISS-us

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: west shore of the Mediterranean

Heat Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

Uses: Hedge, Border Plant, Mass Planting, Container, Wildlife

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 m

Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Serrulate

Leaf Textures: Smooth

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Blue-Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Yellow

Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Black

Seasons: Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts:

Plant Propagations: Cutting, Layering

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