

## Santolina rosmarinifolia

### (Green lavender cotton)

Santolina rosmarinifolia is a great drought tolerant plant for garden hot spots. It is an evergreen, aromatic sub-shrub with compact habit with an unusual cylindrical shape of the small, thick, green 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.



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#### Landscape Information

**Pronunciation:** san-toh-LEE-nuh rose-ma-ree-nee-FOH-lee-uh

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** Mediterranean

**Heat Zones:** 6, 7, 8, 9

**Hardiness Zones:** 5, 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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## Botanical Description

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### 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):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** Yellow

**Seasons:** Summer

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### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

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### Fruit

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Fruit Colors:** Black

**Seasons:** Summer

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### 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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