

Indigenous Plants for Ballarat Gardens



Common Everlasting

Chrysocephalum apiculatum

FAST FACTS

Groundcover

Family:	Asteraceae
	Daisy
Size:	20cm H x 50cm W
Position:	Full sun
Soil:	Dry
Flowers:	Summer
Fruits:	Inconspicuous
Care:	Prune

A spreading groundcover approximately 20 cm high and up to 50 cm wide, **Common Everlasting** (*Chrysocephalum apiculatum*) is an Australian native plant from the Ballarat area.

Location: Common Everlasting likes full sun, doing well in drier parts of the garden. Good places to plant Common Everlasting include narrow beds beside a driveway, in a rockery or softening the edge of paving.

Leaves: Its soft silvery leaves look wonderful all year round.

Flowers: Common Everlasting produces clusters of yellow, papery daisies that are a highlight right through summer. The flowers stay looking good for many months and will add lots of bright colour to a dry patch of your garden.

Planting: Common Everlasting are quite tough and will grow really well in the garden if planted in a hole not much larger than the pot within a few days of purchase.

Give it a good ½ bucket of water as soon as you plant it and it should be fine after that. Once settled in, it needs very little water other than natural rainfall.

Care: When you think the flowers look too old and tired, just trim the top ½ to ¾ off the plant with garden shears. The plant will thicken up and spring back into shape in no time.

Seed: When pruning, you might like to leave some of the flower stems uncut until they form papery pale yellow seeds. Either let them blow away in the breeze or collect some to grow into new plants.