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<b>Botanical Name:</b>	Chrysocephalum apiculatum Desert Flame
<b>Common Names:</b>	Common Everlasting, Yellow Buttons,
<b>Native:</b>	Yes
<b>Foliage Type:</b>	Evergreen
<b>Plant Type:</b>	Groundcovers
<b>Plant Habit:</b>	Dense, Spreading

### Description:

Desert Flame is a native perennial that will grow to spread from the crown to a width of 0.5m. Stems lie flat along the ground with the tips which bear the flowers turning upwards to a height of 15cm. Use as a ground cover plant among trees and shrubs or as a border in open garden beds. If planted above a retaining wall it will spill down the wall bearing masses of small golden yellow heads which contrast well with the silver leaves. Desert Flame gives a blaze of bright yellow/orange colour.

<b>Family Name:</b>	Asteraceae
<b>Origin:</b>	Australia
<b>Characteristics:</b>	
<b>Foliage Colours:</b>	Grey, Silver
<b>Flower Colours:</b>	Orange, Yellow
<b>Flower Fragrant:</b>	No
<b>Flowering Season:</b>	Autumn, Spring, Summer
<b>Fruit:</b>	No
<b>Requirements:</b>	
<b>Growth Rate:</b>	Fast
<b>Maintenance Level:</b>	Low
<b>Water Usage:</b>	Low
<b>Tolerances:</b>	
<b>Drought:</b>	High
<b>Frost:</b>	Moderate
<b>Wind:</b>	Moderate

<b>Mature Height:</b>	<15cm	<b>Position:</b>	Full Sun, Semi Shade
<b>Mature Width:</b>	30-60cm	<b>Soil Type:</b>	Clay, Loam, Sandy, Well Drained

**Landscape Use(s):** Balcony / Roof, Borders / Shrubbery, Coastal Garden, Courtyard, Erosion Control, Feature, Foliage Feature / Colour, Formal Garden, Groundcover, Low Water Garden, Mass Planting, Rockery, Verge, Container / Pot, Under Trees

### Pest & Diseases:

Generally trouble free

### Cultural Notes:

Once established very little water is needed to keep the plant alive with great resurrection following rain. It makes a waterwise pot plant but needs watering on average two or three times a week. Add slow release fertilizer periodically keeps the plant growing well. Prune when the plant gets to look a little tired. Severe pruning can be undertaken at any time of the year after which Desert Flame will soon shoot away from the central crown. Information and images courtesy of Aussie Winners.

### Plant Care:

Keep moist during dry periods, Low phosphorus slow release fertiliser, Mulch well

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