Santolina chamaecyparissus
(san-toe-LEE-nah kam-ah-sip-ar-ISS-us)

**Lavender Cotton**

Evergreen Perennial

1 – 2’ tall x 2 – 4’ wide

Moderate to Low Water

Full Sun

USDA Zones 6 to 8

This evergreen perennial is grown for its attractive and aromatic grayish-silver foliage and flowers that mature to a bright yellow color in June.

It grows in either sandy or loamy soil, needs excellent drainage and full sun. It thrives on neglect, although it should be pruned back every year after it blooms to prevent it from becoming woody and overgrown.

Santolina may need to be cut back severely every year or it becomes long and woody.

It is attractive in herb gardens, as edging or as a ground cover.

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