

Indigenous Plants for Ballarat Gardens



Grey Everlasting

Ozothamnus obcordatus

FAST FACTS

Shrub

Family:	Asteraceae
	Daisy
Size:	80cm H x 50cm W
Position:	Sunny
Soil:	Well drained
Flowers:	Spring-summer
Fruits:	Inconspicuous
Care:	Low maintenance

Grey Everlasting (*Ozothamnus obcordatus*) is an Australian native shrub from the Ballarat area.

Location: Plant Grey Everlasting towards the front of a garden bed in full sun to light shade. It can become twiggy with age so keep it pruned and maybe hide bare lower stems with a low-growing border of *Calocephalus* or some other spreading perennial groundcover.

Leaves: Small rounded leaves have a dark glossy green upper surface and are silky pale silver-grey below. The contrast makes this a very attractive small plant for a sunny position in a garden bed.

Flowers: Large dense heads of small bright yellow flowers develop in early spring and are shown off beautifully by the multi-toned foliage. They stay on the plant for

several months adding colour to the garden over the hot dry summer months.

Planting: Grey Everlasting will grow well if planted in a hole not much larger than the pot within a few days of purchase. Give it a bucket of water as soon as planted.

Care: Grey Everlasting will look best if pruned by about a third after the flowers start to fade towards mid or late summer. This will keep it compact and produce more flowers next year. Rarely needs watering.

Propagation: Remove old faded flower heads but leave some seed to blow around the garden or collect the fluffy seed, sprinkle on the surface of a pot, cover with a couple of millimetres of soil, keep it moist and then watch them grow!