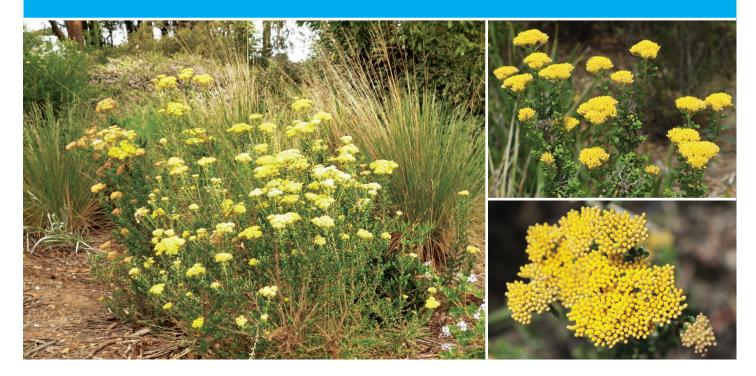
Indigenous Plants for Ballarat Gardens



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 multitoned 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 them watch them grow!



