

Indigenous Plants for Ballarat Gardens



Photographs (above, right): Roger Thomas

Button Everlasting

Coronidium (ex Helichrysum) scorpioides

FAST FACTS

Groundcover

Family: Asteraceae
Daisy

Size: 30cm H x 30cm W

Position: Sunny

Soil: Well drained

Flowers: Late Spring

Fruits: Inconspicuous

Care: Prune

An Australian native from the Ballarat area, **Button Everlasting** (*Coronidium* – ex *Helichrysum* – *scorpioides*) is a low-growing plant up to 30 cm high and 30 cm wide.

Location: Though it prefers full sun, Button Everlasting can be planted anywhere in your garden that you have a spot.

Flowers: The flowers are lovely, soft, papery daisies – dark yellow in the middle and paler yellow around the edges. The size of large buttons, they will add a cheery glow to a corner of your garden bed from late Spring through Summer.

Attracts: Like many of the native daisies, Button Everlasting will attract one of our largest and most colourful butterflies – the Australian Painted Lady – to your garden.

Planting: It is quite a tough plant and will grow well in your 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.

Care: When it starts to look a bit straggly after flowering, give it a prune – taking off about two thirds of each stem. Within a few weeks the leaves will grow back to form a nice, soft, grey-green mound of leaves until the flower stems grow again next year.

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