

Grey Cottonhead *Conostylis candidans*



NATIVE PLANT NOTES

Description

These grey-foliaged, strappy-leaved plants have a compact habit to 0.4 m by 0.3 m and can last in your garden for up to 5 years. They are best replaced at this interval to maintain a healthy display.

Flowers

Bright yellow flowers appear in spring on terminal heads. The flowers provide a good contrast to the grey foliage.

Growing conditions

This coast-lover is a must for all home gardens provided the soil is free draining, especially for situations that have coastal influences. The Grey Cottonhead is best planted in autumn and winter months in a sunny position.

Watering

Once established, the Grey Cottonhead requires little water but for optimum floral display, it is best watered once a week at the base of the plant. Open mulch will help to conserve moisture.

Pruning

Remove old flower spikes and any dying foliage to encourage the plants to remain vigorous. They can also be pruned to ground level to restore vigour.

Fertiliser

Apply slow release native blend 8–9 month fertiliser at time of planting and annually as required in the spring months.

Pests and diseases

These plants are very hardy but sometimes they are susceptible to mealybugs.

Miscellaneous

Plant them as a border, or en masse to create a grassland appearance. They are also suitable for growing in a large pot.



Further Information

Gardening Advisory Service, a free service provided by Kings Park Volunteer Master Gardeners.
Phone: (08) 9480 3672 or Email: garden.advice@bgpa.wa.gov.au.

Pest and Diseases Information Service, Department of Agriculture and Food.
Freecall 1800 084 881 Email: info@agric.wa.gov.au or visit www.agric.wa.gov.au.