



**ETYMOLOGY**

(Chrysocephalum) Greek chrysos = golden + cephalon = head; The species apiculatum = Sharp pointed apex;

**LIFEFORM**

30-60cm Herb

**ORIGIN**

Deepwater Q, Cobar NSW, Warrandyte Vic, SA, WA, NT, Tas

**HABITAT**

Open forest, cliff edges. Found with many different Regional Ecosystems and soil types;

**LEAVES**

Basal, 1-6 cm x 2 mm, narrow obovate to oblong, variable in shape, white woolly, tip pointed, base tapered, soft grey covered in dense white hairs;

**FLOWERS**

Yellow, 5-6 mm, forming in rounded clumps of terminal clusters, in compact button-like heads:

**Flowering Times:** Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec

**FRUIT**

Achenes, 1 mm, narrowly ovoid glabrous. Pappus a crown of 4-8 yellow, 4-6 mm barbed bristles; angular with minute bristles & barbs, Many tiny feathery seeds from old flower heads:

**Fruiting Times:** Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June

**STEM**

Herbaceous perennial with silver stems with rich velvety red new growth flush;

**ETHNOBOTANY**

Colourful groundcover excellent rockery plant with contrasting foliage;

**BUTTERFLY**

Larval food plant for the *Venessa kershawi* Australian Painted Lady

**INDIGENOUS USES**

Flowers soaked make a syrup for sore throats and colds;

**COMMENTS**

Golden button-like flowering most of the year, Seed dormant for 12-18 months; Found Tunbridge tip, Hillsides north of Bellerive on Hobart's eastern shore