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Growing Cassinia Leptophylla

Cassinia are completely hardy heather-like evergreen shrubs which come from the southern hemisphere. C. leptophylla originates from New Zealand where it grows on the coast and mountain scrub. This is a popular plant in seaside locations which grows well with Santolina, Erigeron, Euryops, Brachyglottis monroi and Hebe in a mixed shrub border. It will take the wind and salt spray without scorching.

C. leptophylla subsp. fulvida (C. fulvida) is known as the ‘golden heather’ and has very dark green leaves which are golden yellow underneath on yellow shoots. C. leptophylla has tiny dark green leaves which are white or yellowish-white and hairy underneath. Its shoots are also white or yellowish-white so one can readily see how it grows nicely with the other species mentioned above.

This is a shrub for full sun in the heather garden (because of its common name and appearance), for a mixed shrub border or to break up a herbaceous border. C. leptophylla is fairly slow growing but it will grow to about 6ft in height eventually with a similar spread. It only needs a light
pruning to remove just the old flower heads and tips of the shoots if you have the time in the spring. This is a pretty trouble free and easy plant to grow.