

## Cassinia leptophylla - Growing Guide

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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.



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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.



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