

Pycnosorous globosus – Billy Buttons

This is a dense perennial groundcover spreading by underground rhizomes growing to a height of 60cm with beautiful soft leaves that are long, grey and narrow which provide a beautiful contrast to the golden globular flowerheads that are carried above the foliage on long sturdy stems in Spring to Summer.

Mature plants carry a proliferation of blooms and they are certainly a sight to behold in full flower - note that removing spent flowerheads will encourage even more flowers!

Foliage may die off in Winter in colder climates but will resprout again in Spring.

Pycnosorous globosus has a wide natural distribution growing in warm temperate, cool temperate and Mediterranean climates in NSW, QLD, VIC and SA usually occurring in swampy areas although it is drought tolerant and can take dry periods.

It is frost hardy, is suitable for coastal sites, attracts native bees and flowers can be used in dried flower arrangements.

This makes a wonderful addition to cottage gardens, in rockeries and as a foreground or border plant in native gardens.

Propagation

Seeds can be sown directly into garden beds or can be raised as seedlings in flats to be transplanted when ready.

Plant 1mm deep in Spring, Summer or Autumn and keep moist but not wet.

Germination should occur within 14 – 21 days at 21 - 24°C

Days to maturity – 90 -10 days.