**Lantana camara - Yellow Sage**

*Lantana camara* is native to Tropical America. *Lantana* is a vigorous shrub that often reaches 6 to 8 feet (nearly 3 m) in the greenhouse. It will grow outside in zone 7 but should be treated as an annual. Plants bloom all year long in the greenhouse; outside they bloom from spring to first frost. Flower heads are 2 inches across, starting out yellow, then turning salmon in color. They are great plants to attract butterflies in the garden.

*Lantana camara* need full sun to light shade, growing in almost any soil. We use a compost consisting of 2 parts peat moss to 2 parts loam to 1 part sand. Water the plants deeply at least once a week depending on the size of the plant and fertilize once a month in the growing season with balanced fertilizer diluted to 1/4 the recommended strength. Too much water and fertilizer stimulates vegetative growth at the expense of blooms. Plants are propagated by cuttings of softwood or by seeds.