East Bay Nursery

California Buckwheat

Eriogonum fasciculatum

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Description:

A tough, attractive mounded plant for use in low maintenance landscaping or xeriscaping; a native shrub featuring fine green leaves, and white flowers in summer that turn rusty pink, and persist for a long time; good for naturalizing and erosion control

Ornamental Features

California Buckwheat is smothered in stunning clusters of white flowers with pink overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to late fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive light green evergreen foliage. The tiny fuzzy narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain light green throughout the winter. The smooth gray bark and brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

California Buckwheat is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding



California Buckwheat flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



California Buckwheat foliage
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California Buckwheat is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



California Buckwheat in bloom
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Planting & Growing

California Buckwheat will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is native to parts of North America..