East Bay Nursery

Joyce Coulter Creeping California Lilac

Ceanothus 'Joyce Coulter'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Description:

A very dense, low growing groundcover with dark green glossy foliage that discourages weeds; a prolific bloomer,beautiful lilac blue flower clusters add color in the spring; perfect for borders and rock gardens; prune upright stems; very drought tolerant

Ornamental Features

Joyce Coulter Creeping California Lilac is bathed in stunning cymes of lilac purple star-shaped flowers with blue overtones along the branches from late spring to early summer. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Joyce Coulter Creeping California Lilac is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

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 bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading



Joyce Coulter Creeping California Lilac flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Joyce Coulter Creeping California Lilac in bloom
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Joyce Coulter Creeping California Lilac is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Joyce Coulter Creeping California Lilac will grow to be about 24 inches 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. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

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 not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.