

Botanical Name: Ceanothus 'Concha'

Common Name: No common name

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a medium-sized Ceanothus, with fairly dense branching structure, becoming a full, widely rounded shrub as it matures

Height 4' - 6' (7') Spread equal or more Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors thrives in full sun at most locations except very hot inland sites, where partial shade is preferred

Soil tolerates most soils; requires good drainage if heavily watered

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-7, 14-24): prefers warm low-elevation sites

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, oval-elliptic, 3/4"-1" long; rich dark glossy green above, paler green beneath; margins are minutely toothed; leaf blades are deeply furrowed, giving the leaf a "wrinkled" appearance

Flowers dark blue, very showy, in dense rounded clusters at the ends of the branchlets; Feb-April

Fruit insignificant

Propagation: softwood or semi-softwood cuttings

Usage: a large filler or accent shrub, valued for its heavy flower display; loose background mass or screening; a good performer on slopes

Landscape Care:

Watering has greater tolerance for frequent watering than many other Ceanothus; prefers an occasional deep soak during dry months (14-21 days)

Fertilizing little needed after establishment

Pruning prefers NOT to be heavily pruned; selectively head back if needed after blooming period; prune to a lateral branch

Pests/Diseases soil-fungus diseases during warm months, in poorly draining clay soils

Special Conditions a good nitrogen-fixing plant

Origin: cultivar Family: Rhamnaceae