

Botanical Name: Ceanothus gloriosus 'Point Reyes'

Common Name: Point Reyes ceanothus

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a prostrate or low mounding shrub, forming a wide-spreading mat if unpruned; branchlets swollen at the nodes, with 'corky' stipules at base of leaf petioles

Height 6-18" Spread 5-8' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun near the coast

Soil prefers well-draining sandy soils; tolerates clay slopes

Hardiness some frost (zones 4-7, 14-24); avoid dry hot summer locales

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, oval-broadly elliptic, dark green above, paler beneath, with distinctly spiny-toothed or dentate margins; leathery

Flowers deep blue, tiny, in dense umbel-clusters on the ends of short lateral branchlets; March-May

Fruit a small round capsule

Propagation: softwood or semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: an excellent large-scale ground cover or facer for gentler slopes or mounds, valued for its profuse flower display and foliage color  
best for informal landscape themes at low-elevation coastal habitats

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates regular if drainage is excellent

Fertilizing little needed after establishment

Pruning head back low to ground after blooming period

Pests/Diseases relatively free; mealy bug and scale in heavy shade

Special Conditions avoid hot interior climate locations

Origin: Central CA Family: Rhamnaceae