

Botanical Name: Arctostaphylos hookeri 'Monterey Carpet'

Common Name: (same)

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a very low, wide-spreading shrub, with prostrate, compact branching, forming a cushiony mat-like or low mounding shape; spreading branches root to the ground

Height 6" - 18" Spread 3' - 6' (12') Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun near coast; prefers partial sun at inland sites

Soil needs good drainage - avoid wet clay soil habitats

Hardiness hardy (zones 6-9, 14-24): thrives in mild-climate foothills

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, oval-elliptic, dark green, glossy,
1/2" - 3/4" long

Flowers pink, urn-shaped, 1/4" - 1/2" long, in small clusters;
February - April

Fruit a small brown leathery pome

Propagation: softwood or semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: an excellent facer or small-area ground cover, valued for
its low mat-like growth and dark green foliage; good for slopes, mounds,
informal borders

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak after establishment; amending the
soil with some compost at time of planting helps the plant in sandy soils

Fertilizing little is required after established

Pruning none required; lightly heading back any vertical growth
produces a denser overall form

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions must have good drainage
developed from Monterey Manzanita

Origin: cultivar Family: Ericaceae