

Botanical Name: Baccharis pilularis 'Twin Peaks'

Common Name: Twin Peaks baccharis, Prostrate coyote brush

Type of Plant: dicot: gr. cover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a low, mat-forming or prostrate plant, with dense wide-spreading stems; mature plants become more mounded

Height 1' - 2' Spread 5' - 10' (12') Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; become spindly in shaded habitats

Soil tolerates a wide range, including alkaline desert sites

Hardiness Zones 5-11, 14-24; tolerates interior climate heat

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, oval or rounded, 1/2" - 3/4" long;

bright green, with slightly toothed margins; some foliage may drop off during long periods of drought

Flowers plants dioecious - both male and female flowers are small, pale creamy white, in tight clusters

Fruit a cottony achene (produced only by the female flowers)

Propagation: softwood or semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: an excellent ground cover for large dry sunny landscape

areas, particularly suited for slope plantings; valued for its bright green

foliage, soil stabilizing properties and durability under various types of soil conditions; somewhat fire-retardant

Landscape Care:

Watering little is required after establishment; an occasional deep soak irrigation in summer improves appearance

Fertilizing little needed after establishment

Pruning head back strongly every 2-3 years to encourage new growth and eliminate accumulation of dead stems

Pests/Diseases spider mites, whitefly

Special Conditions have extensive root systems - good for stabilizing slopes

Origin: cultivar Family: Asteraceae