

Botanical Name: Ceanothus 'Frosty Blue'

Common Name: Frosty Blue ceanothus

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape erect, stiff branches, forms a dense, pyramidal to
rounded canopy

Height 5-10' (12') Spread 8-10' Growth Rate mod-rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun, tolerates partial sun inland

Soil prefers well draining, drier soils

Hardiness hardy, best in warm, coastal foothill areas

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite to mostly alternate, oval/broadly
elliptic/ovate, 1/2-3/4" long, finely serrate margins, dark shiny green

Flowers deep blue, tiny, dense racemes, mostly terminal, March-
April sometimes earlier

Fruit tiny capsule

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings

Usage: excellent large filler/background for glossy, dark green
foliage and flower display -- slopes -- formal/informal screens - can be pruned
into small tree -- shortlived, 10-15 yrs.

Landscape Care:

Watering very little after established (1st year) -- tolerates
regular with excellent drainage

Fertilizing little is required

Pruning best if left unpruned for flower display

Pests/Diseases aphids, scale (coastal areas), root rot

Special Conditions excellent drainage is essential for Ceanothus

Origin: Cultivar Family: Rhamnaceae