

Botanical Name: Ceanothus griseus horizontalis

Common Name: Carmel creeper

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape low, mounding, wide spreading, slender greenish stems arch outwards, forms dense, irregular mound with stems ribbed near tip

Height 1-1/2'-3' Spread 5-10' (15') Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun along coast, partial sun inland

Soil prefers well draining, tolerates most except alkaline

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-7,14-24); prefers mild foothill locations

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, oval, 1-2" long, dark green, glossy above, paler, dull green beneath, serrate, deeply furrowed, 3 veined

Flowers tiny, light blue, oval panicle clusters, mostly terminal-- March through June

Fruit 1/8" oval capsule

Propagation: soft/semihardwood cuttings

Usage: widespreading facer, low filler for dark green foliage, blue flowers -- primarily for drought tolerant landscapes -- slope plantings, raised planters, large scale groundcover - short lived (5-10 years)

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak - very drought tolerant if planted in partial shade, tolerates regular watering with good drainage

Fertilizing balanced in spring, add iron if watering is average

Pruning head back lightly when young

Pests/Diseases root fungus diseases, aphids, whitefly, scale

Special Conditions

Origin: Central CA Family: Rhamnaceae