

Botanical Name: Baccharis pilularis 'Twin Peaks #2'

Common Name: Dwarf coyote brush

Type of Plant: dicot/shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a prostrate or low mounding shrub, forming a loose cushiony ground cover habit of growth

Height 1' - 3' Spread 4' - 6' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors thrives in full sun; can tolerate inland sites with hot summer climates better than B.p. 'Pigeon Point'

Soil tolerates most, including strongly alkaline; prefers good drainage

Hardiness hardy (zones 5-11, 14-24): excellent for sunny locations coast to desert

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, tiny (1/4"-1/2" long), oval-obovate; margins irregularly 2-4 toothed; medium green both surfaces

Flowers inconspicuous

Fruit none (cultivar is a male plant)

Propagation: softwood or semi-softwood cuttings

Usage: one of the best plants to use as a large-scale ground cover on slopes or open sites with poor soils; facer or low filler in smaller garden sites - useful for foliage textural contrast

Landscape Care:

Watering little irrigation is needed after establishment in coastal zones; requires periodic deep-soak watering at hot inland sites (10-14 days)

Fertilizing none required

Pruning head back close to ground if plant becomes too leggy; selectively head back tallest or old woody stems in smaller plantings as needed

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions avoid heavy shade or wet badly-drained locations the species B. pilularis is native to coastal bluffs of

Origin: Cen. Calif. Family: Asteraceae