

Botanical Name: Carpenteria californica

Common Name: Bush anenome, Tree anenome

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a rather irregularly constructed plant, with ascending and spreading slender branches, forming a loosely rounded canopy; some plants are upright, others somewhat sprawling; branchlets opposite

Height 3' - 6' (8') Spread equal or more Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors thrives in partial shade; tolerates full sun near coast; requires shade at inland locations

Soil requires well-draining locations

Hardiness hardy (zones 5-9, 14-24): prefers cool locations

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, oblong - lanceolate; 2"-5" long, dark green and shiny above, somewhat grayish-white beneath; margins slightly revolute and sometimes toothed

Flowers white, very showy, 2"-3" wide, with many yellow stamens in center; May - August

Fruit a small leathery capsule

Propagation: seed, softwood cuttings or root cuttings

Usage: a medium-large filler or background mass; excellent for colorful flower display in somewhat shaded locations; useful for slope stabilization (on shaded slopes); informal hedging or low screen under trees

Landscape Care:

Watering is tolerant of regular watering - very drought-tolerant after establishment; lightly compost the soil when planting

Fertilizing little is needed after established

Pruning selectively head back after blooming period to control size and promote more uniform growth

Pests/Diseases aphids and mealybugs on new foliage in late spring

Special Conditions resistant to oak root fungus

Origin: Western Sierra Nevada foothills - Cen. Calif. Family: Saxifragaceae