

Botanical Name: Eriogonum fasciculatum ssp. fasciculatum

Common Name: California buckwheat

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a low mounding-habit plant, with many slender, erect to  
nearly prostrate stems; forms a loose open canopy with age

Height 1' - 3' (5') Spread equal or more Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun required; grows poorly in shade

Soil tolerates most except poorly drained adobe soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 8,9,14-24); thrives in warm sites below 2000ft

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, whorled in tiny branchlets, linear-narrowly  
elliptic; 1/2" - 3/4" long, green above, silver-gray beneath

Flowers pinkish-white, tiny (1/4" across), crowded at the end of  
the branches, in dense compound umbels on 3"-6" stalks; spring-summer,  
intermittent throughout the year

Fruit an achene; tiny, very abundant

Propagation: seed (good for hydroseed mixes)

Usage: an excellent quick filler or facer, for its loose open  
form and fine textured foliage; one of the best shrubs for erosion control on  
slopes; blooms nearly all year; is a short-lived plant

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; becomes very drought-tolerant  
after established

Fertilizing none required

Pruning head back occasionally to encourage a denser form

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: C. & S. CA Family: Polygonaceae