

Botanical Name: Escallonia bifida (E. montevidensis)

Common Name: White escallonia

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, rounded shrub or small tree, somewhat sprawling
and awkward when young -- becomes dense and woody with age

Height 10-20' Spread 8-10' Growth Rate moderate to rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun or part shade in hot inland areas

Soil most any soil but highly alkaline

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-9, 14-17, 20-24)

Morphology:

Leaves simple pinnate, alternate or whorled, narrowly elliptic to
3" long, slightly emarginate at apex, very finely serrate margin

Flowers terminal panicles of small, white bell-shaped flowers in
early spring

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings in late spring

Usage: large background shrub or small tree, sometimes used as
a multi-trunk specimen -- can be espaliered or used as a hedge or screen

Landscape Care:

Watering drought tolerant when established -- but looks best with
regular watering

Fertilizing balanced fertilizer in spring

Pruning head back to promote bushiness after bloom-can be sheared

Pests/Diseases no major pests

Special Conditions

Origin: South America Family: Saxifragaceae