

Botanical Name: Adenostoma sparsifolium

Common Name: Red shanks, Ribbon bush

Type of Plant: dicot: tree/shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright to widely spreading plant, with rugged sculptural branching and lacy foliage forming an open, windswept appearance; older branches have shredded red-brown bark

Height 6' - 15' (20') Spread equal Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun and warm locations

Soil thrives in coarse decomposed granite soils; requires good drainage

Hardiness hardy (zones 12-23): best suited for hot dry inland sites

Morphology:

Leaves tiny, 1/2" - 3/4" long, linear, alternate or whorled; bright green, resinous

Flowers white, small, in open showy terminal panicles 2" - 4" long; July - August

Fruit an achene: tiny, inconspicuous

Propagation: seed

Usage: a large accent shrub or small tree, prized for its irregular open branching habit and delicate foliage textures, small informal screening plant; excellent for erosion control on slopes

Landscape Care:

Watering an infrequent deep soak after establishment; the plant is very drought tolerant

Fertilizing none required

Pruning as a small tree, head high and thin occasionally to enhance picturesque silhouette

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions becomes flammable in late summer - avoid mass planting

Origin: So. Cal - N. Baja Family: Rosaceae