

Botanical Name: Iva hayesiana

Common Name: Hayes Iva

Type of Plant: dicot: subshrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a low-growing, loosely branching plant, with soft woody stems sprawling or decumbent, to form a low mound or cushion; prostrate stems will root when in contact with soil

Height 1' - 2' (3') Spread equal or more Growth Rate mod.- rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred near coast; tolerates shade inland

Soil tolerates many types, including alkaline soils and clay

Hardiness hardy (zones 12-24); thrives in warm low-elevation sites

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate-opposite, leathery, linear or oblong; dull green, 1"-2" long, prominently 1-3 nerved on lower surface, hairy both surfaces

Flowers inconspicuous, in small clusters (racemes) toward the tips of the branches; May - July

Fruit an achene; tiny, inconspicuous

Propagation: softwood or semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: an excellent groundcover for erosion control on banks and hillsides, for large-scale sites where soil pH and texture is a problem; can be pruned into a small border planting

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates both frequent watering and non-watering after established - very adaptable

Fertilizing none required

Pruning head back low to the ground to promote dense growth

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions highly tolerant of both drought and regular watering

Origin: San Diego/Baja Family: Asteraceae