

Botanical Name: Lessingia filaginifolia (Corethrogyne filaginifolia)

Common Name: California aster, Wooly aster

Type of Plant: dicot; perennial Family Asteraceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright but highly variable plant with narrow, silvery foliage and upright stems; tiny daisy flowers appear throughout spring and summer

Height to 3 ft. Spread to 3 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil tolerates most any soil where drainage is good

Hardiness hardy; zones 2-24

Morphology:

Leaves alternate, lanceolate to oblanceolate, margins sometimes toothed, from 3/4" to 3" long; usually pale silver or light green

Flowers solitary or small clusters of pink-purple daisy flowers to 3" across

Fruit tiny achenes

Propagation: stem cuttings, seed

Usage: California native found extensively in Southern and Central California from coastal areas to oak woodlands to lower mountains; good on slopes and in rustic landscapes; very tough and drought tolerant

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates severe drought (drought deciduous) when established takes average water

Fertilizing none required

Pruning head back in fall to basal clump

Pests/Diseases none

Other significant butterfly attractor; many subspecies exist

Origin: southern to central California