

Botanical Name: Eriogonum arborescens

Common Name: Santa Cruz Island buckwheat

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright to spreading, fairly loosely branched plant,
eventually forming a mounded canopy; older branches develop a picturesque open
pattern and shreddy bark

Height 3' - 6' (8') Spread equal or more Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors thrives in full sun; tolerates partial shade inland

Soil requires well-draining, drier habitats; best adapted to
rocky or sandy soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 14-24); prefers warm dry coastal habitats

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, crowded at the ends of the branches, linear or
narrowly oblong; gray-green above, white-hairy beneath; 1/2" - 1 1/2" long,
with strongly revolute margins

Flowers pale pinkish-white, tiny, in long-stalked flattened
panicles; May - September

Fruit a tiny achene

Propagation: seed

Usage: an attractive accent shrub in rock gardens and informal
landscapes for summer flower display, rugged branching structure; use as an
informal filler; mass plantings and erosion control on slopes; (hydroseed)

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; the plant becomes very drought-
tolerant after establishment

Fertilizing little is required

Pruning very little; selectively head back the longest branches as
needed to develop a more compact shape if desired

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: So. CA Islands Family: Polygonaceae