Bruce Dickinson California Buckwheat

Eriogonum fasciculatum 'Bruce Dickinson'



Bruce Dickinson California Buckwheat flowers
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Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Description:

A tough, low-mounded variety with a wide spreading habit, great for groundcover xeriscaping; this native features fine green leaves, and white flowers in summer that turn rusty pink, and persist for a long time; good for naturalizing and erosion control

Ornamental Features

Bruce Dickinson California Buckwheat is smothered in stunning clusters of white flowers with pink overtones rising above the foliage from mid summer to late fall, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive light green evergreen foliage. The tiny fuzzy narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain light green throughout the winter. The brick red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Bruce Dickinson California Buckwheat is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Bruce Dickinson California Buckwheat is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Bruce Dickinson California Buckwheat will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.