San Gabriel Boykinia

Boykinia rotundifolia



San Gabriel Boykinia in bloom
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Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Roundleaf Brookfoam, Roundleaf Boykinia

Description:

An uncommon species of flowering plant that is native to California; tall spikes of dainty white flowers emerge in mid summer above a lovely layered mound of round leaves; creates an impressive sight when massed; never allow soil to dry out

Ornamental Features

San Gabriel Boykinia features showy spikes of white flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer. Its large round leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

San Gabriel Boykinia is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

San Gabriel Boykinia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

San Gabriel Boykinia will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This species is native to parts of North America. It can be propagated by division.

San Gabriel Boykinia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.