

*Eriodictyon crassifolium*

## Thick-leaf Yerba Santa, Yerba Santa



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PERENNIAL SHRUB - evergreen

To 5' high, To 5' wide.

Leaves are fuzzy gray-green, many 6" long.

Individual flowers are hairy, lavender, 1" long, 1/3" wide - spring to early summer.

Native habitat: usually in dry areas below 7500' - Coast to foothills (Tehachapi, Outer South Coastal Range, Southern California).

Full sun.

Drought tolerant. Needs good drainage.

No summer water once established.

Many ethnobotanical uses including leaves for teas as remedy for colds, asthma.

