Eriogonum arborescens

Santa Cruz Island Buckwheat







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WOODY PERENNIAL SHRUB - evergreen.

3 - 5' high, equally broad; mounding.

Narrow leaves in whorls - soft bluish-green to silver.

Flowers small pale cream-pink on long leafless stalks - summer. Flowers turn deep brown when dry.

Native habitat: coastal sage scrub, chaparral - rocky slopes and canyon walls; Channel Islands.

Full sun to part shade. Frost resistant.

Well-drained soil. Tolerates sandy soils and salt spray.

Needs little water once established (usually by the first summer after planting in the fall). Overhead water can cause mildew.

Interesting rock garden and naturalizing specimen. Long-lasting cut flowers. Attracts hummingbirds, butterflies.