

Iva hayesiana

San Diego Marsh-Elder, Poverty Weed



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WOODY PERENNIAL - evergreen.

1' high, 4 - 5' spread.

Ground cover.

Fleshy leaves are medium green, sticky and fragrant.

Flowers inconspicuous, greenish - summer.

Native habitat: alkaline places below 1000' - southwest San Diego County.

Full sun to part shade.

Can take drought when established. Lusher with irrigation.

Good erosion control. Grows rapidly. Roots from spreading stems.

Useful for bank covers, low hedges, edges of ponds and wet areas.

Can get leggy, but can be cut back by shearing or mowing.

RARE — CNPS List: 2.2

(Rare, threatened or endangered in California but more common elsewhere. Fairly endangered in California).

