

Pluchea odorata
Salt Marsh Fleabane



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PERENNIAL (occasionally ANNUAL)

To 4' high, to 3' spread.

Large bright green leaves.

Composite flowers purple/pink - late summer to early winter.

Native habitat: moist and alkaline valley bottoms (desert and coastal) under 1000' - San Francisco to southern coastal California, e.g. estuaries.

Full sun to part shade. Drought deciduous.

Tolerates salty or alkaline soil.

Water 4 x /month

Wonderful late-season color. Good as an accent plant for borders, e.g. mixed with *Mimulus guttatus*, *Carex* and *Juncus*. Cut back after flowering.

Good around pond or in low-lying areas with poor drainage.

Attracts native bees.

