# Coral bells

Saxifragaceae

*Heuchera micrantha*

**Sun:** Part Shade, Shade
**Water:** Light, Moderate
**Soil:** Clay, Loam, Sand
**Other:** Attracts Butterflies, Attracts Bees, Deer Resistant

## In the Garden

This herbaceous evergreen perennial forms a 1'x1' evergreen clump of prettily scalloped bright green leaves.

An easy & excellent choice for planting under redwoods & live oaks. The prolific, graceful, delicate, cream-colored flowers rising another foot or 2 above the foliage show against the red stems to make this species one of the most beautiful of the taller Heucheras. Flowers from May to July.

Very nice massed in a native shade garden with decent drainage for a spectacular mass of dainty white flowers mid-Spring to early Summer--a first class show. If given some summer water and the occasional 'haircut', foliage remains neat all year. It is also a good choice for containers.

## Ecological Value:

Provides pollen and nectar for butterflies and bees.

## Historical Uses:

Natives of the Northwest U.S. have used tonic derived of Alumroot roots to aid digestive difficulties, but extraction from the root can also be used to stop minor bleeding, reduce inflammation, and otherwise shrink moist tissues after swelling.

## Native Distribution:

Native to California and is found only slightly beyond California borders.

## Elevation:

Between 0 and 8202 feet

## Plant Communities:

Mixed Evergreen, Closed-cone Pine, Redwood, Yellow Pine, Red Fir Forest

## Habitat:

Moist banks of humus and rocks, gravely banks, and rock crevices.