

California Everlasting

Asteraceae

Pseudognaphalium californicum



In the Garden

A biennial or short-lived perennial about 2' tall.

A pioneer plant that helps to prepare a site and aid in the establishment of longer-lived plants in the native landscape.

The green foliage has a cumin-like fragrance; creamy-white flowers summer to fall are used in dried and fresh flower arrangements.

Attractive companion plants: Sagebrush, Coyote brush, and Buckwheat. Well suited for an informal, cottage style garden.

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Sun: Full Sun

Water: Dry, Light, Moderate

Soil: Clay, Sand, Rocky

Other: Attracts Butterflies, Drought Tolerant

Ecological Value:

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Historical Uses:

Used to treat coughs.

Native Distribution:

Native to California and is also found elsewhere in North America and beyond.

Elevation:

Between 0 and 5,906 feet

Plant Communities:

Yellow Pine Forest, Mixed Evergreen Forest, Foothill Woodland, Chaparral.

Habitat:

Dry, open or wooded hills.

