

# Modesty

Philadelphiaceae  
*Whipplea modesta*



**Sun:** Part Shade, Shade  
**Water:** Dry, Light, Moderate  
**Soil:** Clay, Loam  
**Other:** Deer Resistant, Drought Tolerant, Erosion Control

**Ecological Value:**  
Good for erosion control on shady banks.

**Historical Uses:**  
No Historical Uses Found

**Native Distribution:**  
Native to California and is also found outside of California, but is confined to western North America.

**Elevation:**  
Between 0 and 4593 feet

**Plant Communities:**  
Redwood Forest, Mixed Evergreen Forest, Yellow Pine Forest

## In the Garden

A semi- deciduous to evergreen low growing, trailing groundcover.

Modesty is a hardy and delightful groundcover in shade. On a slope it can help keep the soil in place.

In warmer inland areas occasional summer water can improve appearance. In cooler foggy areas it can go without any supplemental water. Relatively drought tolerant once established.

In flower, modesty bears tight panicles of numerous tiny white saxifrage-like flowers. The white flowers are inconspicuous, and works well with Heucheras, Yerba buena, and Douglas Iris.

**Habitat:**  
This species is usually found in open or shady places, on dry and rocky slopes.

