Carmel creeper
Rhamnaceae
*Ceanothus griseus*
*var. horizontalis*

Sun: Full Sun, Part Shade
Water: Dry, Light
Soil: Clay, Loam, Sand, Rocky
Other: Attracts Butterflies, Attracts Bees, Attracts Birds, Erosion Control

Ecological Value:
Provides nectar for bees and butterflies.

Historical Uses:
Fresh or dried flowers mixed with water and used as a soap for washing hands, face and body. Flowers used in dance wreathes at the Strawberry Festival.

Native Distribution:
Endemic to California.

Elevation:
Between 0 and 656 feet

Plant Communities:
Closed-cone Pine Forest, Northern Coastal Scrub

Habitat:
Coastal strand

In the Garden
This fast growing, evergreen groundcover grows 3-4’ tall and 10-12’ wide.

The shrub's shiny leaves, a mounding mass, dense form, and graceful habit make it an attractive bank cover. A great plant for a coastal garden where it is exposed to strong winds and salt spray, but also good in coastal valleys, and ok inland if given a little afternoon shade and weekly sprinkles.

Easy-to-grow and hardy. Can be pruned to keep a lower aspect and useful in various landscape designs.

Sprinkled with medium-blue flower clusters February-May.