

# 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.

