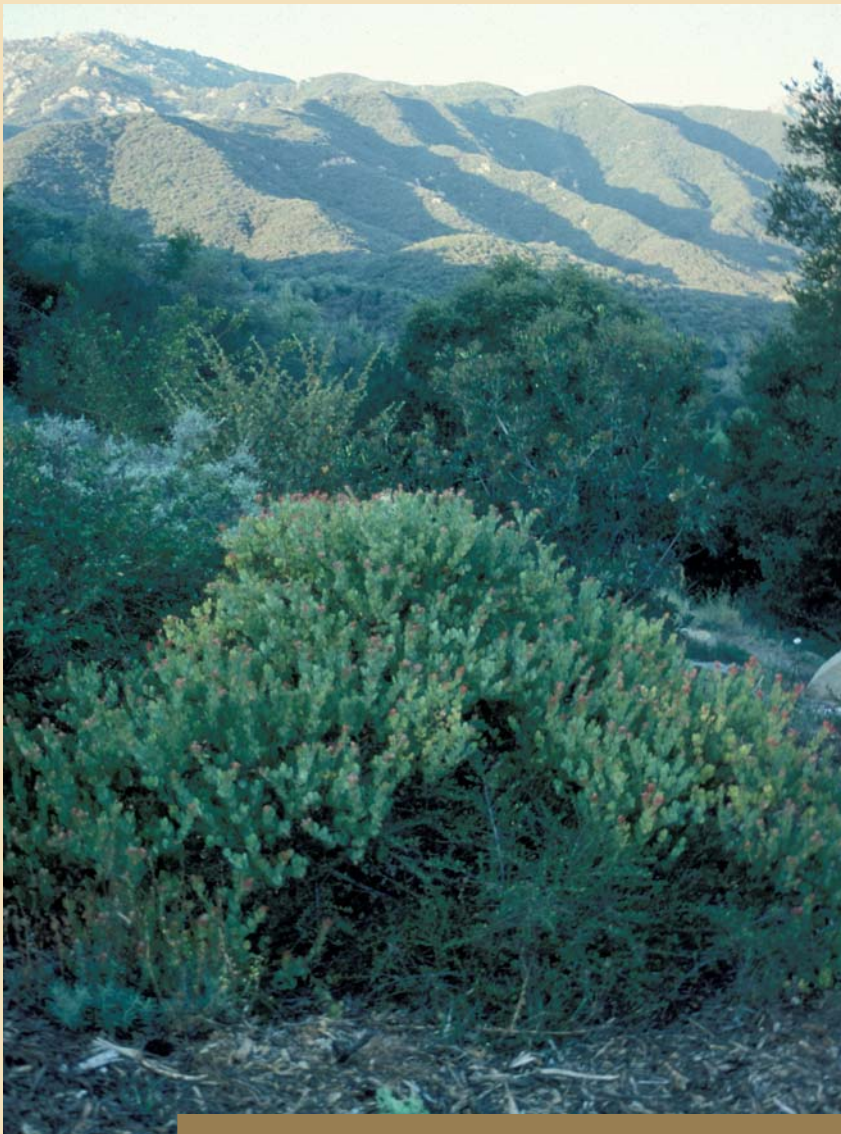


BRANCHING OUT

A California Native Plant Introduction Program



Arctostaphylos glauca 'Canyon Blush'
Canyon Blush Manzanita



The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden's Plant Introduction Program "Branching Out" is dedicated to increasing awareness, appreciation, and availability of outstanding California native plants for landscapes and gardens.

BOTANICAL NAME _____ *Arctostaphylos glauca* hybrid
 CULTIVAR NAME _____ 'Canyon Blush'
 COMMON NAME _____ Canyon Blush Manzanita
 FAMILY NAME _____ Ericaceae
 ORIGIN _____ An *Arctostaphylos glauca* hybrid selected by Horticulturist Dara Emery many years ago from a chance seedling in the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden that is now over 25 years old.
 GENERAL DESCRIPTION _____ A massive shrub whose lower branches may root, 'Canyon Blush' can easily reach 4 ft tall by 20 ft wide. Its name refers to both the red-flushed new foliage and the blush of pink in the flowers, which fade to white. Older leaves have a faintly bluish cast.
 WATER REQUIREMENTS _____ Very tolerant of drought conditions in southern California, but also accepts moderate summer water when planted in well-drained soils.
 SOIL REQUIREMENTS _____ Well-drained soils, but tolerates heavy soils.
 EXPOSURE REQUIREMENTS _____ Sun to part shade. Coastal to interior valley.
 PESTS AND DISEASES _____ Many species of manzanita in landscape use are susceptible to a disease called branch dieback or stem canker caused by the fungus *Botryosphaeria ribis*. Overhead watering is known to increase the spread of this disease and should be discontinued in favor of drip irrigation. Occasional leaf spot.
 HARDINESS _____ Zones 3, 18-24
 LANDSCAPE VALUE _____ 'Canyon Blush' is a beautiful manzanita with light pink flowers in winter, followed by a decorative crop of "little apple" fruits. Quite effective as a sprawling, large-scale groundcover, or cascading down a slope.
 PROPAGATION _____ Easily propagated from cuttings.
 SALES POTENTIAL _____ No other manzanita cultivars offer this combination of size, adaptability, propagation ease and drought tolerance. Looks good in containers.
 NURSERY AVAILABILITY _____ Native Sons Nursery (<http://nativeson.com/home2.html>)

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