

BRANCHING OUT

A California Native Plant Introduction Program



Ceanothus x burtonensis 'Far Horizons'
Far Horizons Ceanothus



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 _____ *Ceanothus x burtonensis*

CULTIVAR NAME _____ 'Far Horizons'

COMMON NAME _____ Far Horizons Ceanothus

FAMILY NAME _____ Rhamnaceae

ORIGIN _____ A seedling selected by Horticulturist Dara Emery from a batch of open-pollinated seed of *C. impressus* x *C. thyrsiflorus* (= *C. x burtonensis*, a natural hybrid).

GENERAL DESCRIPTION _____ Dense evergreen shrub 4-6 ft tall by 6-10 ft wide. *Ceanothus* 'Far Horizons' is noted for its distinct button-shaped, deep blue flowers in winter and shiny, elliptical 1inch long leaves.

WATER REQUIREMENTS _____ Tolerates drought conditions in southern California.

SOIL REQUIREMENTS _____ Well-drained soil.

EXPOSURE REQUIREMENTS _____ Full sun in coastal areas.

PESTS AND DISEASES _____ *Ceanothus* sometimes get aphids and whitefly, but these are easy to control. Almost all *Ceanothus* can succumb to root rot caused by water mold organisms, if overwatered.

HARDINESS _____ Zones 3, 18-24. Hardy to 15 F.

LANDSCAPE VALUE _____ A dependable medium-sized shrub. Consistent early bloomer (late February into March) within the genus.

PROPAGATION _____ Easily grown from cuttings.

SALES POTENTIAL _____ 'Far Horizons' is preferred by some for its size, habit, round inflorescences, early flowering and garden tolerance. However, its popularity has been superceded by 'Dark Star' and 'Julia Phelps'.

NURSERY AVAILABILITY _____ Native Sons Nursery (<http://nativeson.com/home2.html>)

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