

BRANCHING OUT

A California Native Plant Introduction Program



Artemisia californica 'Canyon Gray'
Canyon Gray Sagebrush



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 _____ *Artemisia californica*

CULTIVAR NAME _____ 'Canyon Gray'

COMMON NAME _____ Canyon Gray Sagebrush

FAMILY NAME _____ Asteraceae

ORIGIN _____ This prostrate form of *A. californica* was found growing in a wind-swept area on San Miguel Island by Ralph Philbrick, former director of Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION _____ Dense semi-evergreen shrub, spreading to 10 ft or more, yet remaining about 2 ft tall. Leaves are deeply lobed and highly aromatic when crushed. Flowers are fairly inconspicuous.

WATER REQUIREMENTS _____ Tolerates drought conditions in southern California, but also accepts moderate summer water.

SOIL REQUIREMENTS _____ Wide soil tolerance.

EXPOSURE REQUIREMENTS _____ Full sun in coastal areas.

PESTS AND DISEASES _____ No known pests or diseases.

HARDINESS _____ Zones 7-9, 14-24.

LANDSCAPE VALUE _____ 'Canyon Gray' is a large-scale groundcover. Its fine-textured, silver-gray foliage is especially beautiful in rock gardens or covering hill-sides.

PROPAGATION _____ Easily grown from cuttings.

SALES POTENTIAL _____ For those seeking an easy-care, water-thrifty, fine-textured groundcover, 'Canyon Gray' offers all this and aromatic foliage too.

NURSERY AVAILABILITY _____ El Nativo Growers (<http://www.elnativogrowers.com>)
 Native Sons Nursery (<http://nativeson.com/home2.html>)
 Tree of Life Nursery (<http://www.treeoflifenuresery.com/>)
 San Marcos Growers (<http://www.smgrowers.com/>)

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