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## ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Flattop Buckwheat or Maderista *Eriogonum fasciculatum*

**DESCRIPTION:** A small evergreen shrub with needle-like dark green foliage that grows at a moderate rate to two or three feet tall and twice as wide. Masses of tiny white to pink flowers appear in dense clusters above the foliage in late winter, and again in the summer. They dry to a rich reddish-brown and remain on the plant for several months. Birds, butterflies (Duskywing, Crescent and Mormon Metalmark, and a number of Blues and Hairstreaks) and the Electra Buckmoth are attracted to Flattop Buckwheat. It is native to arid habitats from near the Pacific coast to the desert in western Arizona.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Use as a low ground cover, an accent in a rock garden, or in an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Hardy to at least 15°F.



**Sun tolerance:** Full sun is necessary for a dense compact growth form.



**Watering and feeding:** Once established, it can survive with Tucson's rainfall; even on caliche, but watering will increase the growth rate. Feeding is not necessary.



**Soil requirements:** Tolerant of many soils except probably heavy clay.



**Pruning:** Not necessary.