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Snowbrush (*Ceanothus velutinus*)

Distribution

Snowbrush is a very common east of Cascades in ponderosa ecosystems at higher elevations.

Growth Habit

Snowbrush is a scented evergreen shrub, with broad oval shiny leaves and white clustered flowers. It can reach a height of 10 feet and a spread of 4 feet.

Adaptability

It grows in thickets along roadsides, woodland openings, and semi-barren gravel flats or on dry to moist slopes where sunlight is most abundant and often appears after fires.

Comments

- It spreads nicely after a fire in open spaces.
- Fixed atmospheric nitrogen into the soil for plant uptake.
- Native peoples made the leaves in tea to alleviate tuberculosis.

