A Must-Have California Native Plant!

## California Lilac

Ceanothus species

**Description: California Lilacs** are evergreen, water-conserving plants with flowers ranging in color from dark purple to blue, lavender, and white. Forms include trees, shrubs and groundcovers, making it a highly versatile landscaping plant.

Light: Full Sun

**117** species of butterflies and moths can lay eggs on this plant.



Featured Moth: The *Ceanothus Silk Moth* has a 4" wingspan. Its caterpillar's spines provide some protection against predators, but it still provides food to the baby birds that have adapted to eat it.

**Keystone Plant:** This California native is a "must have" (host) plant for caterpillars, which, in turn, are the "must have" food for baby birds.

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