



## GREEN LIVEFOREVER

Scientific name: *Dudleya virens*

Plant family: Crassulaceae

### Natural Information

Green liveforever flowers between April and June and seeds in the fall. This perennial inhabits rocks and canyons, steep slopes in chaparral, coastal bluffs, and coastal sage scrub and elevations below 1300'. Extremely common on coastal bluffs although rare otherwise, this plant is favored in damp conditions, and attracts many hummingbirds.

### Physical Description

- Flower: star-shaped and spread open, thus distinguishable from *D. lanceolata*; fragrant; white
- Leaves: 3"-6"; 10" in wet year; rosette arrangement; succulent; bright green, but turn gray during drought seasons
- Seeds: stiff pods open upright
- Stem: fleshy and purplish

### Garden Tips/Extra Facts:

Grows to 14" tall. The plant will turn gray during dry seasons in order to reflect light from its leaves. It should be watered around the base to avoid the rot that may result from water collection in its crown of leaves. Cactus mix is also helpful for this plant's growth. The plant's species name, *virens*, is Latin for its color, bright green. Its seeds are wind pollinated. It is pioneer species, capable of growing even in rock crevices.



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