



GOLDENBUSH

Scientific name: *Isocoma menziesii*
Plant family: Asteraceae

Natural Information

Goldenbush is a unique plant that comprises the habitat of the California Coastal gnatcatcher. Its flowering time is from April to December, and it is found on coastal sage scrub mixed with grassland, sandy slopes, sandy or pebbly beaches, and rocky cliffs, at elevations below 3940'. This plant experiences mixed, scattered co-dominance with its neighboring plants, and grows in dry humidity and full sun.

Physical Description

- Buds: 3/8" long; scaly covering
- Branches: sprawling, erect; dry material in lower old portion
- Flowers: 3/4" – 1/2" across; composed of small flowers 3/8" long each; 22 disk flowers per head; rich yellow
- Leaves: 1/2" - 1 1/4" form series of rosettes up stem; woolly grey-green; may be surrounded by round and possibly fuzzy protrusions
- Stem: slender
- Roots: heavy system

Garden Tips/Extra Facts:

Grows from 2' to 5' tall. These plants occur in prostrate and erect varieties. Hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees collect nectar from the flowers. Nice flowering subshrub, blooming when most others are finished.



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