



LEATHER ROOT

HOTTA MACROSTACHYA

AKA PSORALEA MACROSTACHYA

THIS TALL, LUSH CALIFORNIA NATIVE WILDFLOWER IS A PRETTY PLANT THAT GROWS IN MOIST SOILS AT CREEK SIDE STABILIZING THE SOIL THERE. REACHING HEIGHTS UP TO 6', IT IS A PEA FAMILY MEMBER WHOSE VIOLET BLOSSOMS ARE A NECTAR SOURCE FOR BOTH BUTTERFLIES AND BEES, ALIKE. AS A LEGUME, IT FIXES NITROGEN FROM THE AIR, ALLOWING IT TO THRIVE EVEN WHERE SOILS ARE POOR. THOUGH OFTEN FOUND IN WETLANDS IN NATURE, IT GROWS WELL IN STANDARD, MOIST GARDEN SOIL, AND ITS ONLY LIMITATION SEEMS TO BE THE PRESENCE OF MOISTURE. THOUGH IT APPEARS SHRUB-LIKE, THE WHOLE PLANT GOES DORMANT IN WINTER, WHEN IT SHOULD BE CUT TO THE GROUND. SHOWY!

SUN TO SHADE

ZONES 7-10

