

Chorizanthe membranacea

Pink Spineflower

Polygonaceae (Buckwheat) Family

Erigonella membranacea.



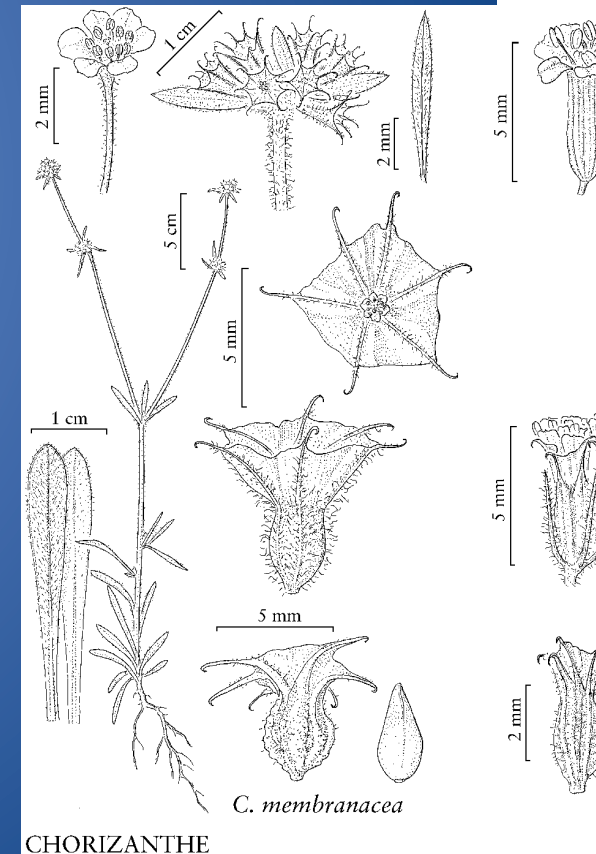
General Information

- Native to Oregon and California coastal ranges
- Very heat and drought tolerant
- Does well in poor rocky soils (doesn't like wet feet)



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- Up to 3 feet tall and very sparse
- Inflorescence is dense cluster of flowers with six colored bracts with hooked awns
- More abundant leaves than other spineflowers



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- Blooms from April-July in native environment
- Can be very colorful if planted in a mass
- Currently no cultivated varieties available



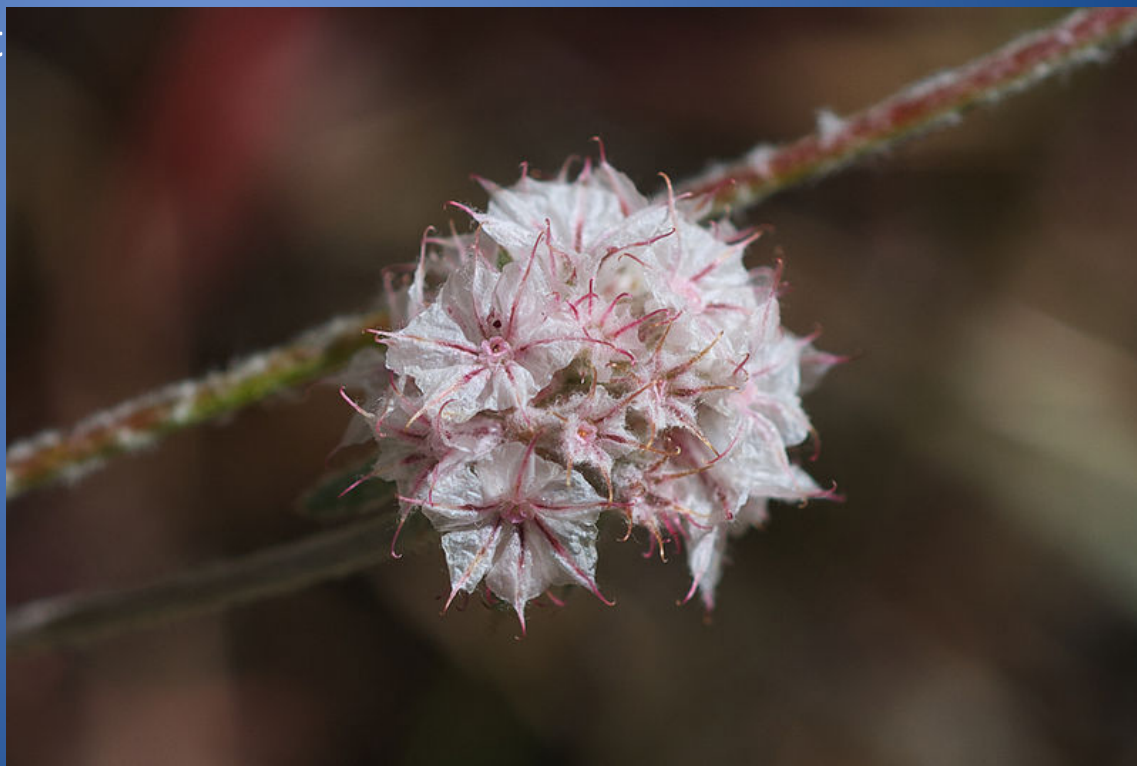
My research

- Seeds were sown in '288' plug tray
- Low germination rate
- Maybe not warm enough
- Might try vegetative propagation



Production Schedule (from seed)

- Sow in '288'
- Transplant into 4" or 5" pots in week 4 (sensitive to transplant)
- Apply PGR
- 200 ppm nitrogen wks. 3,6,9,12 only
- Week 16 ready for market
- Careful when shipping!!!



Genetic Improvement

- Selection
- Dwarf Plants
- Vibrant Color
- More Leaves
- Extended Bloom Time



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