Blueblossom

(California Lilac, Mountain Lilac)

Ceanothus thyrsiflorus

A fast growing evergreen large shrub or small tree, 6-20’. Foliage is fine and lustrous. Flowers are pale blue to deep lilac-blue, blooming in clusters in summer. This species is the hardiest of the wild lilacs, but can be subject to disease if planted in wet spots. Many cultivars are available. Drought tolerant/Grows in sun/Food source for native butterfly caterpillars/Nectar source for butterflies/Food source, shelter or nesting sites for birds/Food source for native wildlife or rodents

Links:
Plant habit: http://oregonstate.edu/dept/lpplants/ceth1.htm
Leaf close up: http://oregonstate.edu/dept/lpplants/ceth5.htm