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NEW JERSEY TEA

Ceanothus americanus

Also known as New Jersey Redroot. This durable and drought-tolerant plant produces bright white flowers that attract hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees. Use as a groundcover or a low hedge for the most difficult areas of your yard.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Attracts hummingbirds, butterflies, bees, wasps, flies, and beetles
- Turkeys and quail eat fruit
- Browsed by rabbits and deer

Benefits for People

- During the Revolutionary War, dried leaves were used as a tea substitute and hence the name New Jersey tea
- Can be used as an effective groundcover or low hedge for dry rocky slopes and banks

Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Full sun to part shade
<i>Soil Type</i>	Prefers well-drained sandy or rocky soils
<i>Height</i>	2–3'
<i>Width</i>	3-5'
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	May to July

Natural Habitat

- Dry open woods and meadows

