

Adenostoma fasciculatum 'Black Diamond' Compact Chamise



Photograph by Pietro di Girolamo

SHRUB—evergreen; 2 - 3' high, 2 - 3 ' spread. Rigid branches. Tiny dark green leaves.

Flowers tiny, in long clusters, creamy white, drying to deep rusty brown — bloom early spring to late summer.

Horticultural selection *A. fasciculatum*; origin = cuttings, Black Diamond Mines Regional Park, Contra Costa Co; intro Roger Raiche UC Botanical Garden. The native habitat of *A. fasciculatum* (from which developed) is chaparral—dry slopes below 5,000'; throughout California and Baja California.

Full sun to part shade. Well-drained soil.

1 x /month) summer water, once established will help keep green.

Can be pruned to create "bonsai" effect. Also good in rock gardens.

