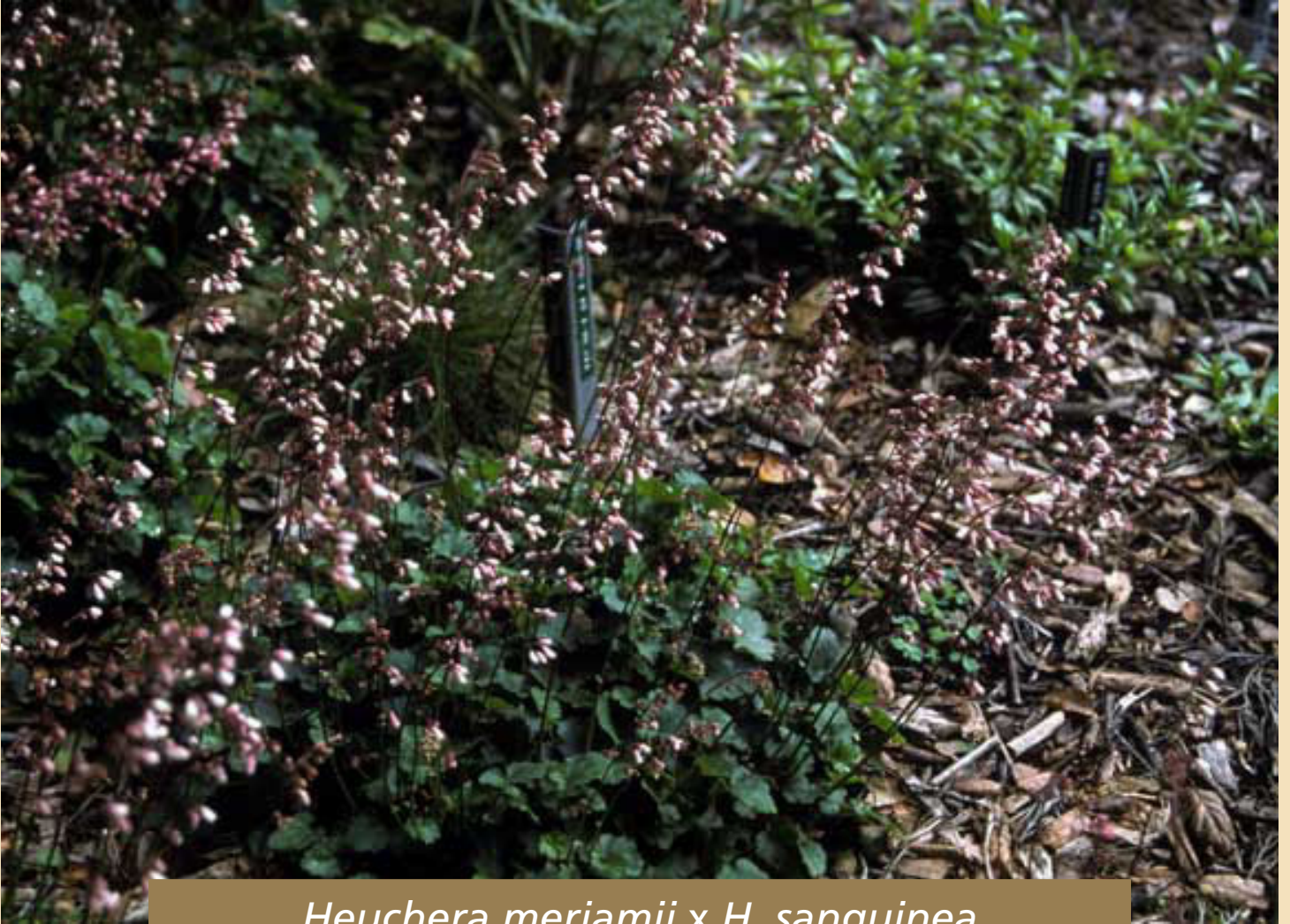


BRANCHING OUT

A California Native Plant Introduction Program



Heuchera meriamii x *H. sanguinea*
hybrid 'Blushing Bells'
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The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden's Plant Introduction Program "Branching Out" is dedicated to increasing awareness, appreciation, and availability of outstanding California native plants for landscapes and gardens.

BOTANICAL NAME _____ *Heuchera merriamii* x *H. sanguinea* hybrid
 CULTIVAR NAME _____ 'Blushing Bells'
 COMMON NAME _____ Blushing Bells Coral Bells
 FAMILY NAME _____ Saxifragaceae
 ORIGIN _____ An F1 cross of *H. pringlei* [Jepson = *H. merriamii*] and a *H. sanguinea* hybrid selected by Horticulturist Dara Emery.
 GENERAL DESCRIPTION _____ An herbaceous, evergreen, compact-growing perennial with 1-1.25 inch wide, dark green leaves in 3 inch tall rosettes. Densely clothed 8-12 inch inflorescences of small white to pale pink flowers in spring.
 WATER REQUIREMENTS _____ Summer water required.
 SOIL REQUIREMENTS _____ Best in loamy soil.
 EXPOSURE REQUIREMENTS _____ Best in part shade.
 PESTS AND DISEASES _____ Susceptible to mealybugs in containers, and thrips.
 HARDINESS _____ All Zones. Hardy to 0 F.
 LANDSCAPE VALUE _____ With its matlike growth habit, 'Blushing Bells' makes an excellent border or container plant, or small-scale groundcover. Nice addition to rock gardens.
 PROPAGATION _____ Cuttings or division: Divide clumps every 3 or 4 years in fall (in spring in colder areas). Discard older, woody rootstocks.
 SALES POTENTIAL _____ 'Blushing Bells' is a delightful, small-leafed, pale pink *Heuchera*.
 NURSERY AVAILABILITY _____ El Nativo Growers (<http://www.elnativogrowers.com/>)
 Elkhorn Native Plant Nursery (<http://www.elkhornnursery.com/>)
 Suncrest Nurseries (<http://www.suncrestnurseries.com/>)

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