

BRANCHING OUT

A California Native Plant Introduction Program



Heuchera hirsutissima x
H. sanguinea hybrid 'Dainty 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 hirsutissima* x *H. sanguinea* hybrid
CULTIVAR NAME _____ 'Dainty Bells'
COMMON NAME _____ Dainty Bells Coral Bells
FAMILY NAME _____ Saxifragaceae
ORIGIN _____ An F1 cross of *H. hirsutissima* and a *H. sanguinea* hybrid selected by Horticulturist Dara Emery.
GENERAL DESCRIPTION _____ An herbaceous, evergreen, compact perennial with 1.25-1.5 inch wide leaves in 3 inch tall rosettes. Large inflorescences of small rose-pink to rose-red flowers in spring.
WATER REQUIREMENTS _____ Summer water required.
SOIL REQUIREMENTS _____ Best in loamy soil.
EXPOSURE REQUIREMENTS _____ Requires partial to full sun to achieve peak flowering.
PESTS AND DISEASES _____ Susceptible to mealybugs in containers, and thrips.
HARDINESS _____ All Zones. Hardy to 0 F.
LANDSCAPE VALUE _____ With its mat-like growth habit, 'Dainty Bells' makes an excellent border or container plant, or a 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 _____ 'Dainty Bells' is an excellent small-leafed, light pink *Heuchera*.
NURSERY AVAILABILITY _____ El Nativo Growers (<http://www.elnativogrowers.com/>)

For more information about this program, contact the Garden at 805-682-4726, ext. 114.
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