

## Seathrift

*Armeria maritima* ssp. *californica*  
Leadwort Family,  
*Plumbaginaceae*



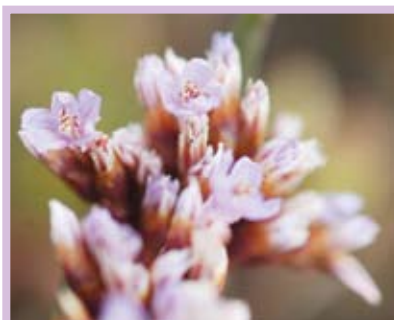
This very appealing perennial provides a welcome splash of color on coastal bluffs and sandy habitats. Five small petals form pink flowers growing in tight round clusters on sturdy, green slightly reddish stems. The leaves are linear, basal, and dense. The bright pink flowers are a beautiful sight against the blue of sea and sky.

This is a lovely plant for garden borders or containers. The foliage is evergreen and the flowers bloom from spring to late summer. Use this plant in coastal gardens where it favors sun and water.

**Apr–Aug • Ma, So, Me**  
**5–50 cm, 2–20 in**



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## Sea Lavender

*Limonium californicum*  
Leadwort Family,  
*Plumbaginaceae*



This native perennial is found occasionally in salt marshes and beaches along the California coast. Its long blooming season and sprays of small pale violet flowers on branching stems make it an attractive find.

The five small petals form a pale violet almost white tube with blue lobes. The leaves are wide, wedge to elliptical in shape, and mostly basal. There are no leaves on the flower stems. The image shown here is in bud without flowers blooming.

Several European relatives are cultivated for their flower clusters which are used in dry bouquets.

**Jul–Dec • Ma, So, Na, Me**  
**to 60 cm, 2 ft**



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## Fringed Checkerbloom

*Sidalcea diploscypha*  
Mallow Family, *Malvaceae*



Very pretty in delicate pink, this lovely annual is found among mid to late spring flowers on open hillsides and meadows. Five subtly striated pale pink petals form the flower which often has dark pink centers. They generally grow in an open cluster on erect, sometimes decumbent stems. The lower leaves

are shallowly lobed while the upper leaves are more deeply lobed and bristly.

**Apr–Jun • Ma, So, Na, Me**  
40–60 cm, 16–24 in

