



## Groundsel Bush

*Baccharis halimifolia*

### Growing Information

- Sunlight: light shade to full sun
- Soils: sandy to loamy, moist to wet, well-drained
- Bloom Time: August, September, October
- Size: 3-10 ft in height

Also called sea-myrtle or saltbush, inconspicuous flowers give way to fluffy white seed heads that burst open on female plants in the fall months. This shrub is highly salt tolerant and can withstand salt spray and periodic flooding as well as drought, making it a great shrub for coastal landscapes and for use in rain gardens. When the white seed heads pop into view in the fall around our salt marshes, everyone asks, “What is that plant?”

### Garden Companions

Rose Mallow (*Hibiscus moscheutos*)

### Nature Benefits

- Erosion control
- Flowers attract pollinating insects
- Dense branches provide shelter for birds and other wildlife

### Native Habitat

Occurs naturally along salt marshes edges.