Snowbrush (Ceanothus velutinus)

Distribution
Snowbrush is a very common east of Cascades in ponderosa ecosystems at higher elevations.

Growth Habit
Snowbrush is a scented evergreen shrub, with broad oval shinny leaves and white clustered flowers. It can reach a height of 10 feet and a spread of 4 feet.

Adaptability
It grows in thickets along roadsides, woodland openings, and semi-barren gravel flats or on dry to moist slopes where sunlight is most abundant and often appears after fires.

Comments
• It spreads nicely after a fire in open spaces.
• Fixed atmospheric nitrogen into the soil for plant uptake.
• Native peoples made the leaves in tea to alleviate tuberculosis.