

In favorable years vigorous bushes of *Ribes Roezlii* fruit prolifically. The plants illustrated in figure 6 (pl. XXXVIII) were photographed at about 6300 feet elevation on Cow Creek, a tributary of the middle fork of the Stanislaus River, Tuolumne County (section 34, T. 5 N., R. 18 E., Mt. Diablo B. & M.).

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A HYBRID ERIOGONUM

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× *Eriogonum Blissianum* hybr. nov. (*E. giganteum* Wats. × *E. arborescens* Greene). Frutex compactus, hemisphericus, 9–12 dm. altus; forma et cymis *E. arborescenti*, bracteis *E. giganteo* similis; folia 2–10 cm. longa, oblongo-elliptica, forma inter parentes intermedia, paullo revoluta, in petiolis brevibus, crassis attenuata, supra puberula vel glabra, subtus dense tomentosa; cymae paniculatae; pedunculi 6–20 cm. longi; structura floralis ut in parentibus; perianthii segmenta albida, apicibus saepe rubescentibus.

Compact rounded shrub, 9–12 dm. high; resembling *E. arborescens* Greene in compact growth form and inflorescence, and *E. giganteum* Wats. in shape and size of bracts; leaves 2–10 cm. long, oblong-elliptic, intermediate in shape between those of the two parent species, somewhat revolute, attenuate to a short stout petiole; upper surface puberulent to glabrate, lower surface with dense felt-like tomentum; cyme paniculate; peduncles 6–20 cm. (averaging 10 cm.) long; floral structure as in both parents; perianth segments whitish, often with pink tinge at tips.

Type: collected in Blaksley Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara, California, July 12, 1938, *M. Van Rensselaer* 557 (University of California Herbarium no. 589831).

The specimen selected as the type appeared as a volunteer in the *Eriogonum* bed of the Blaksley Botanic Garden at Santa Barbara, California, and similar specimens have been grown from seed taken from *E. giganteum* in that garden. Thus it would appear that *E. giganteum* is the female parent. As a result of several years' observation it can be stated that the hybrids are probably sterile.

The widespread popularity of this *Eriogonum* hybrid as a garden ornamental makes a name desirable. As an ornamental it surpasses either parent and is highly recommended for California gardens. I take pleasure in naming it in honor of the late Anna Dorinda Blaksley Bliss, founder of the Blaksley Botanic Garden, and her daughter Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss.

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