

‘Umatilla’ SNOW BUCKWHEAT

Scientific Name: *Eriogonum niveum*

Common Name: Snow buckwheat

Cultivar Name: ‘Umatilla’

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ORIGIN: ‘Umatilla’ was developed by the SCS-USDA and Washington Ag Experiment Station.

DESCRIPTION: ‘Umatilla’ is deciduous, low growing, evergreen half shrub. The crown gives rise to numerous short-woody stems. Leaves attached to main stem are short and generally oblong. The bottoms of leaves are gray. The flower heads may be as long as 200mm and generally ascending. The flowers are white and pink and turn brown at seed maturity in the fall.

DISEASE AND INSECT PROBLEMS: No significant problems have been noted.

SEED PRODUCTION:

SEEDING RECOMMENDATIONS: ‘Umatilla’ should be seeded in late fall. Standard reclamation drills and broadcast seeders are capable of handling snow buckwheat seed, however, the seed should be kept shallow.

CONSERVATION USES: ‘Umatilla’ is used for erosion control, grazing, rangeland, wildlife forage and ethnobotany.

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