

Botanical Name: *Heteromeles arbutifolia*

Common Name: Toyon

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SHRUB



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

Family: Rosaceae

Origin: North America, CA Coast to Sierras

Climate Zone: USDA 9-11, Sunset 5-9, 14-24

Mature Height: 6-10 feet

Mature Width: 6-8 feet

Plant Type: Evergreen

Growth Habit: Upright, vase or rounded shape

Growth Rate: Slow, 12-24 inches per year

Flower Color/Details: White, in loose clusters

Flower Season: Spring, summer

Bark: Gray or brown, furrowed or smooth

Fruit: Clusters of bright red berries held above foliage fall through winter

Foliage: Green, 2-4 inch toothed oval

Use: Focal specimen, screen or hedge

Floral: Flower arrangements, wreaths

Wildlife/Beneficials: Attracts butterflies and native bees to flowers, birds to berries

Deer Resistant: Yes, if stop watering in August

Fire Resistant: Yes, if water biweekly all summer

Medicinal Uses/Edible: Unknown

Adverse Factors: Will develop bacterial and fungal, scale and thrips infections, if overwatered, especially if grown next to lawn

Soil: Extremely adaptable, serpentine to sand

Exposure: Full sun, tolerates light shade

Water Requirements: Very low, drought tolerant

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Description: Often referred to as Christmas Berry or California Holly. Handsome, versatile plant, in a hedge with California native shrubs Manzanita, Coffeeberry, and California Lilac, or under native Oak trees. Colorful summer and winter, when other plants are dormant.

Maintenance: Water deeply and regularly first 2-3 years, then remove irrigation, if fire resistance isn't a goal. When mature, prune only to remove deadwood and crossing branches and to open canopy for improved air circulation. Do not fertilize.



#5 Nursery Container