

Spice Bush Sweet Bush *Calycanthus occidentalis*

MEDIUM TO LARGE SHRUB -
deciduous.

3 - 12' high, 8' wide.

Dense habit, rounded form,
sometimes sprawls.

Bright green leaves, spicy fra-
grance.

Large dark red to maroon flowers
- April to August.

Native habitat: foothill woodland,
yellow pine forest; moist
places along streams, can-
yons below 4000' - north
coast ranges and west base
of Sierra Nevada north of
Tulare Co.

Full sun to part shade (needs
some shade inland).

Some summer water.

Grows rapidly with regular water.

Attractive in mix of shrubs and trees.
Good hedge or foundation planting.
Long-lived.



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