

Frangula (Rhamnus) californica and Cultivars Coffeeberry



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SHRUB - evergreen.

F. californica: to 15' high; 'Eve Case': 3 to 8' high, 5' wide;
'Little Sur': 3 to 4' high, 3' wide. Very compact, tidy.

Dull green leaves with prominent mid and side veins. Leaves of 'Eve Case' and 'Little Sur' tend to be broader, flatter and greener than species.

Flowers inconspicuous. Large berries turn greenish to reddish to black when ripe in late summer.

Native habitat: Widely distributed from n. Baja to s. Oregon, usually below 3500'. 'Little Sur' is from Monterey coast.

Full sun to part shade. Frost resistant.

Tolerates all types of soil including clay.

Free of pests and diseases.

Water 1 - 2 x /month.

Good foundation plant, also for borders, masses on slopes, screen and background. Can be pruned as desired. Berries food for wildlife.

