

*Mirabilis laevis* var. *crassifolia*  
(*Mirabilis californica*)

## Wishbone Plant, Coast Four-O'Clock



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PERENNIAL LOW BUSH

2' high, 3' wide, sprawling.

Thin, fragile, forking stems trailing to ascending.

Leaves slightly heart-shaped.

Flowers pink to magenta (actually sepals) - winter and spring.

Native habitat: coastal sage scrub, chaparral, dunes, under 3500'  
- central and southern California.

Full sun.

Tolerates poor soils.

Water 1 - 2 x /month in summer.

Good on slopes.

