

Myrica californica

Pacific Wax Myrtle

LARGE SHRUB, SMALL TREE

- evergreen.

10 - 25' high, 10'+ across.

Densely branched.

Leaves smooth, glossy, dark green,
to 5" long.

Fragrant.

Flowers inconspicuous.

Brownish-purple fruit, covered by
whitish wax.

Native habitat: chaparral, coastal
sage scrub, forest; in canyons
and moist slopes below 500'
- Santa Monica Mountains
north to Washington.

Full sun to part shade (inland).

Water 2 x / month or more,
especially inland.

A handsome landscape plant as a
specimen, screen or informal hedge.

Takes shearing, hedging, pruning.

Fruit attracts birds.



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