

# *Ornithostaphylos oppositifolia*

## Baja Bird Bush

SHRUB - evergreen

To 12' high.

Erect. Much branched from base.

Bark reddish brown, peeling to smooth greenish-white stems.

Narrow linear leaves; thick, shiny green above, pale below.

Flowers greenish-white, urn shape - February to April.

Fruit a dry drupe, attractive to birds.

Native habitat: chaparral below 4000' - south San Diego County and northwestern Baja California.

Full sun.

Well-drained soil, but can take heavy soil if cautious with summer water.

Drought tolerant but looks better with some water.

Free from insect pests and disease.

Attractive throughout year.

**RARE — CNPS List: 2.1**

(Rare, threatened or endangered in California but more common elsewhere. Seriously endangered in California.)

