

*Prunus ilicifolia* ssp. *lyonii* (*Prunus lyonii*)  
Catalina Cherry

LARGE SHRUB, SMALL TREE —  
evergreen.

10 - 40' high, 15'+ spread.

Columnar form.

Clean, glossy green leaves with  
smooth margins.

Creamy white flowers in long  
slender clusters — March to  
June.

Native habitat: chaparral —  
Channel Islands.

Full sun to part shade.

Frost resistant.

Drought tolerant once established,  
but deep watering 1 x /month  
improves appearance and  
growth.

Can be sheared as hedge or pruned as  
specimen.

Good background, screen.

Birds attracted to fruits.

Resistant to oak root fungus.

Plant with caution - it can hybridize  
with *Prunus ilicifolia*



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