

Rhamnus californica (Now *Frangula californica*) Coffeeberry



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SHRUB - evergreen.

To 15' high, 5' wide.

Very compact, tidy.

Dull green leaves with prominent mid and side veins.

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'.

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.

