

Rhamnus ilicifolia (*Rhamnus crocea* ssp. *ilicifolia*)
Hollyleaf Redberry

MEDIUM SHRUB - evergreen.
5 - 10' high, to 6' spread.
Slow-growing - dense form when
grown in sun.
Leaves holly-like.
Flowers inconspicuous yellow-
green — spring.
Berries bright red, shiny — summer.

Native habitat: chaparral, wood-
land, forest below 7000' —
statewide to Baja California
and Arizona.

Full sun to part shade.
Frost resistant.
Needs good drainage.
Little or no summer water
needed once established, but
looks best with periodic deep
irrigation.

Can be clipped into a hedge; good screen.
Contrasts well with sages.
Seasonal fruit attracts birds.
Host plant for the rare Hermes Copper
butterfly.



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