

Heteromeles arbutifolia

Toyon, California Holly

LARGE SHRUB/SMALL TREE

- evergreen.

8 to 15' high as a shrub, to 20'
pruned as a tree; to 15' wide.

Leaves dark green.

Dense clumps of small cream-white
blossoms - May to June.

Bright red berries develop from late
fall to winter.

Native habitat: chaparral - semi-dry
brushy slopes, canyons.

Full sun to part shade.

Frost resistant.

Tolerates most soils.

Deep summer water with good
drainage (1 x /month), or dry
conditions once established.

Good for specimen, hedge, slopes.

Can be shaped by pruning.

Attracts many kinds of birds, butterflies.

Dependable but susceptible to fire-blight.



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