

*Lycium californicum*  
Coastal Boxthorn



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SHRUB

Can grow to 10' high but usually about 3 to 4'.

Thorny. Branches stiff to spreading.

Leaves ovate to 1/2" long.

Whitish to purple-tinged flowers openly funnel-shape to 1/2" long—March to July.

Small orange/red berries make bright display.

Native habitat: coastal bluffs, coastal sage scrub—coastal California, Channel Islands, Baja California.

Good drainage.

Some summer water

Useful for screening, barrier planting, or as specimen. Attractive to birds and butterflies. Edible fruit.

