

Malosma laurina

Laurel Sumac

SHRUB, SMALL TREE - evergreen.
8 - 15' high, 12'+ spread.
Dense, rounded mound.
Leaves reddish when young, becoming
dark green trough-like.
Stems red.
Dense clusters of small white flowers
- June to August.
Flower heads dry and turn brown but
remain attractive.



Native habitat: coastal sage scrub,
chaparral - dry slopes below 3000'
- Baja California to Santa Barbara.



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Full sun to part shade.
Tolerates wind and salt, but not frost.
Drought tolerant once established, but
can accept garden watering.

Good screen or background. Seeds attract
birds.
Best pruned back every few years.
Some people have mild allergic reaction to
foliage.

