

# *Prunus ilicifolia*

## Hollyleaf Cherry

SHRUB, SMALL TREE - evergreen.  
3 - 20' high, 10'+ spread.  
Multi-trunked, densely branched.  
Holly-like leaves, shiny, medium to dark green - variable.  
Small creamy white flowers in long slender clusters - March to May.  
Dark reddish to purple fruit, about 3/4" in diameter.

Native habitat: chaparral; dry slopes and fans below 5000' - southern North Coastal Range to northern Baja California.

Full sun to part shade.  
Frost resistant.  
Drought tolerant once established, but deep watering every 2 weeks improves appearance and growth.

Good background, screen.  
Can be sheared as a hedge or pruned as a specimen.  
Birds attracted to fruit.



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