

*Quercus dumosa*

# Nuttall's Scrub Oak, Coast Scrub Oak



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LARGE SHRUB - evergreen.

3 to 10' high, 3 to 6' spread. Dense shrub with complex branching pattern.

Leaves somewhat holly-like. Upper surface is shiny green, lower is dull pale green.

Male flowers are inconspicuous - March to May. Small acorns.

Native habitat: chaparral and coastal sage scrub near coast - below 700', Southern California and Baja California.

Full sun.

Needs little or no water after second year. Can water 1 x/month but avoid overwatering, especially near trunk. Benefits from coastal fog.

Useful for stabilizing soil.

Good in wild gardens, but can be pruned and shaped.

**RARE — CNPS List: 1B.1**

(Rare, threatened or endangered in California and elsewhere. Seriously endangered in California.)

