

# *Rhamnus crocea*

## Redberry



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SMALL SHRUB - evergreen.

3 - 6' high, to 8' spread.

Slow-growing - dense form when grown in sun.

Leaves small, shiny, dark green.

Flowers inconspicuous yellow-green - spring.

Berries bright red, shiny - summer.

Native habitat: coastal sage scrub, chaparral, southern oak woodland - dry washes and canyons below 3000' - North Coast Ranges to northwestern Baja California.

Full sun to part shade. Frost resistant.

Needs good drainage.

Little or no summer water needed once established, but looks best with periodic deep irrigation.

Can be clipped into a hedge; good low screen. Contrasts well with sages. Seasonal fruit attracts birds.

Host plant for the rare Hermes Copper butterfly.

