

# *Rhus trilobata*

## Basketbush



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SHRUB - deciduous.

3 - 5' high, 8' wide.

Sprawling habit. Aromatic.

Leaves similar looking to poison oak, but are dull rather than shiny.

Twigs gray and pliable; berries red-orange, sticky.

Flowers pale yellow - February to April.

Native habitat: coastal sage scrub, chaparral, southern oak woodland - canyons, slopes, washes - mostly below 3500' but up to 5500' throughout California.

Part shade to full shade.

Tolerates heat and drought.

Water 2 - 4 x /month.

Colorful in autumn. Good for basket making.

Useful for soil stabilization and erosion control.

