

Rosa californica
California Wild Rose



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SHRUB - semi-deciduous.
3 - 6' high, 5' spread. Mounding. Prickly.
Fresh green leaves.
Fragrant pink flowers - profuse throughout summer.
Red rose hips - summer through fall.

Native habitat: fairly moist places, near streams, etc. below 6000'
- Baja California to Oregon.

Full sun to shade. Frost resistant.
Adaptable to different soils.
Needs some summer water - 2 - 4 x/month, once established.

Great in wildlife gardens - forms thickets as well as having fruit for birds.
Effective barrier plant alone or with other plants such as coffeeberry,
pink-flowering currant.
Good on gentle slopes for erosion control (with irrigation).

