

# *Xylococcus bicolor*

## Mission Manzanita

SHRUB - evergreen.

6 - 8' high.

Erect, densely branched, with shredding bark.

Leaves thick, leathery, shiny green above, lighter below; margins roll under when dry.

Flowers white to pinkish, urn shape - form in July but open after winter rains in December to February.

Fruit a dry drupe.

Native habitat: chaparral - dry slopes on coast below 2000' - Los Angeles county to Baja California, Santa Catalina Island.

Full sun.

Can take gravelly, sandy or heavy soil (if cautious with summer water).

Drought tolerant, but looks better with some water.



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