

Rhus ovata

Sugarbush

SHRUB - evergreen.
8 - 15' high, 10'+wide.
Rounded, densely branched.
Shiny leathery leaves, folded along mid-vein; red petioles.
Dense clusters of waxy white flowers (pink in bud) - spring.
Berries smaller than Lemonade-berry.

Native habitat: coastal sage scrub, chaparral; dry bluffs and slopes below 4000' - southern California to Baja California.

Full sun to part shade.
Frost and heat tolerant.
No particular soil preferences.
Drought tolerant once established, but can accept garden water.

Good inland.
Good for screen or bank cover.
Berries attract wildlife.
Aromatic.



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