## Coast Red-flowering Currant
*Ribes sanguineum var. glutinosum*

### Type
- **Tree**

### Biodiversity value
- High, 122+ species

### Description
A native shrub in the Currant and Gooseberry family. This species grows in northern and central California, often in moist and partly shaded areas. Drought-tolerant closer to the coast. Suitable for woodland or formal gardens. The fruit is a dark purple oval berry 1 cm long.

### Size
- 13’ tall 7’ wide

### Water
- Low or very low

### Soil
- Tolerates a variety of soils

### Area to plant
- Sun or Part Shade

### Interesting feature
- Insects and hummingbirds are attracted to the flowers and berries

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## Beach Strawberry
*Fragaria chiloensis*

### Type
- **Groundcover**

### Biodiversity value
- Medium, 58+ species

### Description
One of two species of strawberry that were hybridized to create the modern garden strawberry. It is noted for its large edible berries. Migratory birds dispersed it from the Pacific coast of North America to HI, Chile, and Argentina. In California, it grows coastal from San Luis Obispo County north. Evergreen glossy green leaves 2’ long. The flowers are white.

### Size
- .49” – 1’ tall

### Water
- Low

### Soil
- Prefers sandy soils

### Area to plant
- Shade or full sun.

### Interesting feature
- Birds eat the fruit. Drought tolerant, Fire resistant.

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## Coffeeberry
*Frangula californica*

### Type
- **Bush**

### Biodiversity value
- Medium, 25+ species

### Description
A fairly common plant native to California, coffeeberry is a dense evergreen shrub with dark red branches. The dark green leaves 1-3” long curl at the edges. The flowers are inconspicuous, small and greenish white in five petal clusters. The berry prized by birds is 10-15 mm in diameter. Beautiful and easy to grow, coffeeberry is dense in form and easy to prune. It is a fire resistant hedge.

### Size
- 6-15’ tall 5-15’ wide

### Water
- Low or very low

### Soil
- Tolerates a variety of soils

### Area to plant
- Full sun, part shade.

### Interesting feature
- Berries attract Towhees, Waxwings and Thrushes. Provides nesting habitat.

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## California Honeysuckle
*Lonicera Hispidula*

### Type
- **Vine**

### Biodiversity value
- Medium, 30 species

### Description
This native vine or shrub is found along the coast. It tends to grow on slopes and streambanks from sea level to 2500 ft. The tubular pink flowers attract hummingbirds. It will climb up shrubs or a trellis; otherwise it will spread along the ground. It does well in soils that are moist year round or dry in the summer but with minimal irrigation. Very easy to grow and a nice landscaping choice.

### Size
- 4’ tall x 8’ wide

### Water
- Low

### Soil
- Variety of soils including clay.

### Area to plant
- Part Shade

### Interesting feature
- Hummingbirds are attracted to the flowers while other birds are attracted to the fruit.