

Berberis nevinii

Nevin's Barberry, Nevin's Mahonia



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SHRUB - evergreen.

3 - 12' high, to 12' spread. Multistem, dense, stiff.

Pinnate leaves, dull gray-green, bristly.

Clusters of bright yellow flowers - spring. Dark blue berries.

Native habitat: coastal sage scrub, chaparral - sandy and gravelly places below 2000' - southern California.

Full sun to part shade. Frost resistant.

Best with good drainage, but will take adobe soil.

Drought tolerant but better with some summer water.

Screen, hedge, barrier, accent. Good erosion control - often spreads from underground stems. Resistant to oak root fungus. Prune back when young to avoid gawkiness.

RARE — CNPS List: 1B.1

(Rare, threatened or endangered in California and elsewhere.
Seriously endangered in California.)

