

Comarostaphylis diversifolia ssp. *diversifolia*

Summer Holly



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SHRUB, SMALL TREE - evergreen.

6 - 12'+ high, 8' spread. Handsome, upright, multistem form. Attractive shredded bark.

Glossy, leathery, dark green leaves.

Large clusters of milk-white blossoms, like pearls - April to June.

Distinctive red berries in summer.

Native habitat: chaparral; bluffs and hills below 1500' - islands, coast of southern California to Baja California.

Full sun to full shade. Frost resistant.

Tolerates heavy soil; best with good drainage.

Water 2 x /month.

Similar in appearance to Toyon. Adaptable and tolerant of most garden conditions.

Grows slowly at first, but can develop to a small tree in five years.

RARE — CNPS List: 1B.1

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

