

Botanical Name: *Prunus ilicifolia* ssp. *ilicifolia*

Common Name: Holly-leaf Cherry

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TREE/SHRUB



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

Family: Rosaceae

Origin: North America – California

Climate Zone: USDA 8-10, Sunset 5-9,12-24

Mature Height: 15 feet

Mature Width: 15 feet

Plant Type: Evergreen

Growth Habit: Naturally rounded canopy

Growth Rate: Slow to moderate

Flower Color/Details: Tiny creamy-white flowers clustered on showy spikes

Flower Season: Late winter through early spring

Bark: Gray

Fruit: Brick red cherries ripen in fall

Foliage: Glossy, dark green, spiny leaves

Use: Pruned as a single-trunked small tree, focal specimen, pruned as multi-trunked shrub, mixed native hedge, privacy screen

Floral: Unknown

Wildlife/Beneficials: Flowers feed bees, cherries feed birds, leaves feed caterpillars of the Pale Swallowtail butterfly

Deer Resistant: No

Fire Resistant: Yes

Medicinal Uses/Edible: Unknown

Adverse Factors: Green berries toxic, red edible

Soil: Adaptable, with good drainage

Exposure: Full sun, light afternoon shade in inland valleys

Water Requirements: Low, drought tolerant

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UC Davis Arboretum All-Star: No

Description: California native habitat shrub, strongest pruned as a multi-trunked shrub, supporting a rounded canopy

Maintenance: Water infrequently and deeply. Prune twice yearly for a hedge, otherwise prune lightly to remove deadwood and crossing branches.



#5 Nursery Container