

# TOYON

## HETEROMELES ARBUTIFOLIA



PROBABLY CALIFORNIA'S MOST FAMOUS NATIVE PLANT, WHAT WE CALL TOYON, OR OCCASIONALLY CHRISTMAS BERRY OR CALIFORNIA HOLLY, IS ALSO THE FAMED HOLLYWOOD THAT HOLLYWOOD IS NAMED FOR FOUND THROUGHOUT MUCH OF CALIFORNIA, TOYON IS AN EVERGREEN SHRUB TO SMALL TREE REACHING UP TO 15' IN HEIGHT. ITS NICE GREEN FOLIAGE IS ON THE LARGE SIDE FOR A CHAPARRAL PLANT AND THE WHITE, POLLINATOR ATTRACTING FLOWERS ARE ATTRACTIVE IN LATE SPRING. BUT THE BERRIES! BEAUTIFUL IN FRUIT, TOYON DECORATES THE LAND WITH BRIGHT RED (THOUGH TOXIC UNLESS COOKED) BERRIES IN SIZEABLE CLUSTERS JUST IN TIME FOR WINTER HOLIDAYS. ONE OF THE EASIEST NATIVE SHRUBS TO CULTIVATE, IT IS TOLERANT OF MANY SOILS AND REQUIRES NO SUPPLEMENTAL WATER AFTER ESTABLISHING. PRUNABLE, EVEN "HEDGE-ABLE", AND BECOMES DENSER AND FULLER WITH LIGHT PRUNING.

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