

PACIFIC WAX MYRTLE

MORELLA (AKA MYRICA) CALIFORNICA

IF YOU NEED AN EVERGREEN NATIVE SHRUB THAT GROWS FAST, AND DOESN'T NEED A WHOLE LOT OF WATER OR NICE SOIL TO DO IT, PACIFIC WAX MYRTLE MAY BE JUST THE THING. REACHING 10-20' TALL AND WIDE, IT CAN BE SHEARED AS A HEDGE, GROWN AS A TREE FORM, OR LEFT ALONE TO GROW WITH THE DENSE, BUSHY HABIT NATURE GAVE IT. UNLIKE MANY NATIVE PLANTS VALUED FOR THEIR DROUGHT-TOLERANCE, PACIFIC WAX MYRTLE ALSO DOES WELL IN SEASONALLY WET SITES, AND PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN. WHILE THE BLOOMS ARE NOTHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT, THE PLANT ITSELF IS A NITROGEN FIXER AND SO IS ABLE TO GROW ON POOR SOIL WHILE IMPROVING THE SOIL FOR OTHER PLANTS. A LARVAL FOOD SOURCE FOR SEVERAL BUTTERFLY SPECIES, IT ALSO PROVIDES HABITAT AND FOOD FOR BIRDS.



BEST IN PARTIAL SHADE IN HOT CLIMATES



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