



Ribes aureum, GOLDEN CURRANT

The largest grower of California native plants in the state, Tree of Life Nursery has been located on the historic Rancho Mission Viejo in San Juan Capistrano for over 20 years. Largely a wholesale nursery, the *Roundhouse Plant Store* is open to the public Fridays year-round and Saturdays in fall and spring. For those interested in learning more, we offer a large selection of books on the California region regarding landscaping and horticulture, natural history, conservation, and more. The nursery's catalog, "Plants of El Camino Real," is a beautifully arranged collection of information about the plants we grow, with helpful hints for landscapers and gardeners looking for the right plant for the right place. Come experience Tree of Life for yourself!

BERRY-PRODUCING SHRUBS

- Arctostaphylos* species
- Comarostaphylos diversifolia*
- Heteromeles arbutifolia*
- Mahonia* species
- Prunus* species
- Rhamnus* species
- Rhus* species
- Ribes* species
- Sambucus mexicana*
- Symphoricarpos mollis*
- Vitis* species (vine)

Golden Currant is a summer-deciduous, upright shrub that grows to 8 feet tall in oak and riparian woodlands and forest edges to 3000 feet. Long, arching branches and bright green leaves characterize this plant. The small, sunny yellow flowers fade to orange and are followed by a light orange berry. It makes a nice understory accent for native oaks, pines or other mature trees, a backdrop for a pond, along a creek or stream bank or in a partly shaded mixed border with *Rosa californica*, *Philadelphus lewisii*, *Leymus condensatus*, *Rhamnus californica*, *Salvia spathacea*, *Rhus trilobata* and *Arctostaphylos*. Plant in part shade and water once or twice a month. Golden Currant provides valuable wildlife habitat, attracting hummingbirds and butterflies to its flowers and songbirds to its juicy berries.

PLANT PROFILES

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