



Baccharis pilularis consanguinea, COYOTE BUSH

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COASTAL SAGE SCRUB SPECIES

Artemisia californica
Encelia californica
Eriogonum fasciculatum
Malosma laurina
Mimulus aurantiacus
Opuntia littoralis, *O. prolifera*
Quercus agrifolia
Rhus integrifolia
Salvia apiana
Salvia mellifera
Sambucus mexicana
Yucca whipplei

An important member of the Coastal Sage Scrub community, Coyote Bush takes on many forms in the wild. Also known as Chaparral Broom, the advantages of using *Baccharis* in the landscape are many. Highly adaptable, this upright, rounded, evergreen shrub averages 6-8 feet tall and wide, sometimes reaching 10-12 feet. Its quick growth and neat mounding habit lend it well to use as a screen, barrier, background or windbreak, for erosion control, or to visually unite a landscape with its fresh green foliage. Its fluffy white seedheads cover the plant like snow in late fall and catch the low sun. The highest use for Coyote Bush is the wildlife habitat it provides, its bloom an important source of nectar for beneficial insects, its low branches essential cover for local foraging birds like the California quail, Spotted towhee, Wrentit, Thrashers, native Sparrows and many others. Accepting many soils and water regimes, there is a place for this indispensable shrub in every California garden!

PLANT PROFILES

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