



Comarostaphylis diversifolia

Summer Holly

Shrub

Sun to partial shade

Moderate to little water

Origin: California

This evergreen shrub is similar in appearance to Toyon and upright forms of Manzanita. It blooms in spring with showy bell shaped flowers clustered on short stems. The flowers are followed by vivid red knobby fruit in late summer. The fruit is excellent bird food. The leaves have an oval shape and serrated edges similar to Toyon but paler on the underside. Summer Holly grows very slowly into a large shrub or small tree up to 20feet high. If an older plant becomes sparse prune it hard to rejuvenate it.