

***Heteromeles arbutifolia*** (Lindley) Roemer  
(Rosaceae)



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**Common names:** Christmas Berry [[Hrusa 2001](#)], Toyon, christmas berry [[U.S. Forest Service 1997](#)], toyon [[Hrusa 2001](#), [PLANTS 2001](#)]

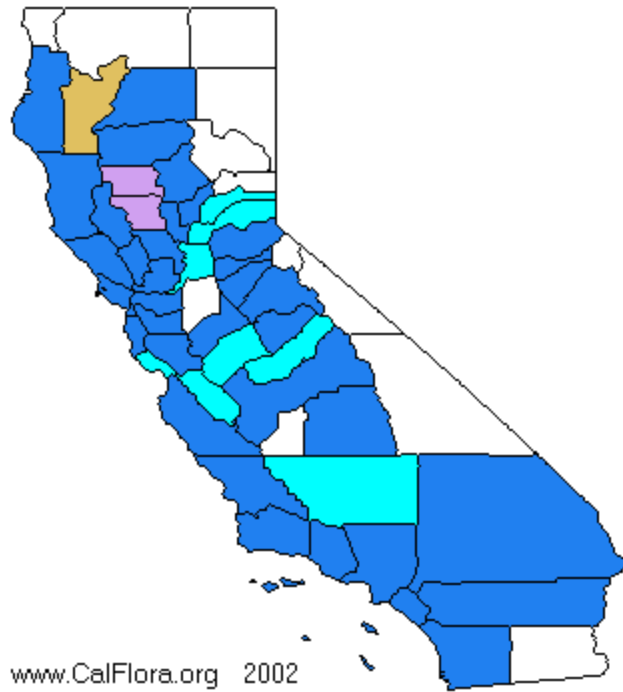
**Plant communities:** Chaparral, Chaparral [[Lum/Walker](#), [CNPS](#)]

**Habitat:** described by Walker and/or CNPS as occurring in canyon and slope habitats [[Walker](#) and/or [CNPS Inventory 1994](#)]

**Elevation:** between 0 and 4000 feet [ [Lum/Walker](#)].

***Heteromeles arbutifolia***, a dicot in the family Rosaceae, is a shrub that is **native** to California [[Hrusa](#)] and is found only slightly beyond California borders [[Lum/Walker](#)].

**Distribution in California based on 1515 Observations  
contributed to the CalFlora Occurrence Library**



**Shaded counties indicate at least one observation within the county.**

**Blue** indicates that there is a specimen from this county in a participating herbarium. Specimens have the highest reliability of identification.

**Light Blue** indicates a documented observation that is vouchered or confirmed by an expert.

**Lavender** indicates other reported observations that are unvouchered.

**Mustard Yellow** indicates the county falls within the described species range published in botanical literature