

# CALIFORNIA WILDROSE

*Rosa californica*



Beautiful and fragrant native rose of the California coast and foothills up to 6000' elevation. Deciduous; can go summer dormant without water. Rosehips provide food to birds including Cedar Waxwings in winter. Thicket forming. Provides important hiding and nesting areas for native birds, bees and other wildlife.

Native Americans used this plant for medicine and food. The stems were used for baskets.



## BIODIVERSITY VALUE

**HIGH: 95**

## BUTTERFLIES/MOTHS

Gray Hairstreak, Variable Checkerspot, Hoary Comma and White-lined Sphinx

## BIRDS

House Finches, Lesser Goldfinches, White-crowned Sparrows, Song Sparrows and Golden-crowned Sparrows, American Robin, and Cedar Waxwings.



**WHITE-LINED  
SPHINX**



**HOUSE  
FINCH**



**LESSER  
GOLDFINCH**



**TYPE** Shrub



**SIZE** 8'-10 tall / 10' wide



**SUN** Full sun, partial sun



**WATER** Low, moderate or high.  
Tolerates seasonal flooding.



**SOIL** Best in moist loamy soil

**Learn more at: [cnps-yerbabuena.org](https://cnps-yerbabuena.org)**

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