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California privet

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(Ligustrum ovalifolium)

Mature Size  Shoulder

Description
- 10-15 ft. tall deciduous or evergreen shrub with clusters of small dull-white flowers
- Upright flowers are tubular or bell-shaped and have a heavy fragrance
- Flowers up to 4 in. long and have four petals that curl backwards
- Tiny (1/3 in.), globe-shaped, purple-black berries are shiny and grow in clusters
- Fleshy dark green leaves are opposite, oval-shaped, and 1-2½ in. long
- Reproduces by seed
- Spread by birds and horticulture
- Native to Japan and Korea

Bloom Period  Jun - Jul

Habitat  Woodland, grassland, roadsides, scrub

2-Minute Removal  Dig

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