



COMPANION PLANTS

Adenostoma fasciculatum
Artemisia californica
Dendromecon rigida
Eriogonum species
Encelia species
Malacothamnus fasciculatus
Romneya coulteri
Salvia apiana
Trichostema lanatum
Opuntia littoralis
Yucca whipplei

PLANT PROFILES

Mirabilis californica, WISHBONE BUSH

The largest grower of California native plants in the state, Tree of Life Nursery has been located on the historic Rancho Mission Viejo in San Juan Capistrano for over 20 years. Largely a wholesale nursery, the *Roundhouse Plant Store* is open to the public Fridays year-round and Saturdays in fall and spring. For those interested in learning more, we offer a large selection of books on the California region regarding landscaping and horticulture, natural history, conservation, and more. The nursery's catalog, "Plants of El Camino Real," is a beautifully arranged collection of information about the plants we grow, with helpful hints for landscapers and gardeners looking for the right plant for the right place. Come experience Tree of Life for yourself!

Wishbone Bush is a low, bushy perennial with heart-shaped leaves found on rocky slopes at low elevations in coastal sage scrub, chaparral and foothill woodland communities. Growing 1 foot tall by 3 feet wide, this plant will often ramble over or through neighboring plants, appearing taller. In spring, the red-violet blossoms open in mid-afternoon and close early the next day. Thus, in the wildlife habitat garden, this, along with *Oenothera* species (Evening Primrose) is a good plant for attracting moth pollinators. Wishbone Bush tolerates heavy soils, takes full sun or part shade, needs little or no irrigation and reseeds readily in the garden. To stimulate new growth, cut back hard after flowering once a year, if necessary.

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