

*Adolphia californica*  
Spineshrub, California Adolphia



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SHRUB—deciduous

4' high, 8' wide. Profusely branched, rigid, spiny clump.  
Branches bright green.

Leaves small, pale green, tipped with sharp, but soft point.  
Flowers small, greenish, fragrant—March to April.

Native habitat: dry hillsides and washes, near springs and seeps  
in southwest San Diego County into Baja.

Full sun. Well-drained sandy or gravelly soil.

Excellent for erosion control and low barrier plantings.

**RARE — CNPS List: 2.1**

(Seriously endangered in California, but more common elsewhere)

