

Botanical Name: Ribes speciosum

Common Name: Fuchsia-flowering gooseberry

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character partially deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a fairly low mounding plant, with rather stiff slender  
branches arching outwards to develop an open fountain-like shape; older stems  
with prickly spines at the nodes

Height 2' - 4' (6') Spread equal or more Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial sun to shaded habitats preferred; avoid full sun  
at inland locations

Soil tolerates most, including clay

Hardiness hardy (zones 14-24): prefers mild shaded habitats

Morphology:

Leaves palmate, alternate, round, slightly 3-lobed, 3/4" - 1"  
wide; dark green and shiny above, paler beneath

Flowers deep red, bell-shaped, 1/2"-1" long, in drooping clusters  
that hang below the branches; ovary becomes slightly bristly; January - May

Fruit a deep red berry; edible

Propagation: seed or hardwood cuttings

Usage: an attractive loose filler or low screening material,  
valued for its heavy display of red flowers; good for shaded garden areas

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; periodic summer watering  
prolongs the foliage display

Fertilizing little needed after establishment

Pruning selective heading back (after blooming period) promotes  
new flowering wood

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions attracts hummingbirds

Origin: Central Coast of California Family: Saxifragaceae