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Indian Plum (*Oemleria cerasiformus*)

Distribution

Indian Plum also known as Oso Berry is found growing west of the Cascades from British Columbia south to northern California at low to mid-elevations.

Growth Habit

Indian Plum grows as a shrub or small tree to 18 feet tall, spreading to 15 feet wide. It is the first to bloom in the spring with creamy white flowers that yield to mini plum like berries that dangle on a long stem.

Adaptability

Indian plum can be found growing in variety of sites that range from dry upland sites to moist riparian areas. It grows in either open, fully exposed sites, or as an under-story species growing in full shade.

Comments

- Indian Plum is one of the first flowering native shrubs to herald the approach of spring making it a great option for a home landscape.
- Its white, fragrant, drooping flowers appear in March, before many species leaf out.
- The flowers give rise to berries that ripen and turn purple in June, which provide a favorite source of food for many bird species.
- It proves to be a valuable upland habitat shrub for a great wildlife component.

