

Desert Wild Grape

Vitis girdiana



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CA Native:	Yes; Mostly found in California and just slightly beyond the borders including the Channel Islands
Plant Community:	Chaparral; Coastal Sage Scrub; Southern Oak Woodland; Creosote Bush Scrub; Joshua Tree Woodland; Pinyon-Juniper Woodland; Riparian; Below 4,000'
Form:	Deciduous Vine
Size:	Up to 50'
Light:	Full sun to part shade
Temperature:	Sunset zones 4-24
Water:	Little to no water once established
WUCOLS:	1, 3-4 (L); 2, 5-6 (M)
Soil:	Adaptable; Well drained
Flowers/Berries:	Yellow flowers in spring; Fruit in fall
Deer resistance:	
Fire resistance:	No
Wildlife value:	Attracts birds which eat the fruit; Provides cover
Uses/Comments:	More drought tolerant than California Wild Grape (<i>Vitis californica</i>) -better choice for dry gardens; Prune before spring growth; Good fall color; Grapes small, but edible and sweet; Can be espaliered; Good to use on arbors and fences; Fast growing