Common Name: California Honeysuckle  
Latin Name: Lonicera Hispidula

**Plant Type:** Vine  
**Medium biodiversity value supporting birds and butterflies and moths:** 30 species

**Description:** This shrub is also called Hairy Honeysuckle (Lonicera hispidula var. vacillans). It is a native vine in the Caprifoliaceae family that grows in the Sierra foothills and parts of southern California, but is primarily found along the coast from San Luis Obispo County north. It tends to grow on slopes and streambanks at elevations from sea level to 2500 feet. The tubular pink flowers are very attractive to hummingbirds. It will climb up larger shrubs or a trellis if available; otherwise it will spread out along the ground. It does well in soils that are moist year round or dry in the summer but with minimal irrigation. Very easy to grow and a nice landscaping choice.

**Size:** 4’ tall and 8’ wide  
**Area to plant:** Part shade  
**Water:** Low  
**Soil:** Tolerates a variety of soils including clay  
**Soil PH:** 5.0 - 7.0, medium to low drainage  
**Interesting feature:** Hummingbirds are attracted to the flowers while other birds are attracted to the fruit

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