**Common Name:** Coast Red-flowering Currant  
**Latin Name:** Ribes sanguineum var. glutinosum

**Plant Type:** Tree  
**Medium biodiversity value supporting birds and butterflies and moths:** 122+ species

**Description:** Blood Currant is one of the two recognized varieties of the species Ribes sanguineum, a native shrub in the Grossulariaceae (Currant and Gooseberry) family. This species glutinosum grows primarily along the coast and in the Coast Ranges in northern and central California, as far south as Santa Barbara County. It tends to grow at elevations from sea level to 5,000 feet, most often in places that are somewhat moist and partly shaded. It tends to be more drought-tolerant closer to the coast. Its overall shape and attractive pink flowers make it suitable for either woodland or more formal gardens. The fruit is a dark purple oval berry one centimeter long, edible but with an insipid taste, best left for the birds.

**Size:** 13' tall 7' wide  
**Area to plant:** Sun or part shade  
**Soil:** Tolerates a variety of soils  
**Soil PH:** 5.0 - 7.0, medium drainage  
**Water:** Low or very low use  
**Interesting feature:**  
- Insects and hummingbirds are attracted to the flowers  
- Insect and seed eating birds are attracted to the berries

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