

Santa Cruz Island ironwood

Lyonothamnus floribundus subsp. *asplenifolius*

About me: In the wild, I grow on three of California's Channel Islands exclusively. My beautiful clusters of small white flowers bloom in the spring and early summer.

Why I'm rare: Until six million years ago, I grew throughout much of the western United States. It is likely that natural climate shifts through the past few centuries have reduced my home range dramatically. I may be vulnerable to future climate change: even my island homes may not be safe.

My story: I am a tree with extremely dense and hard wood; this feature has earned me the common name of ironwood.

How you can help: Volunteer to help protect and conserve natural areas. Many botanic gardens have active conservation volunteer programs.



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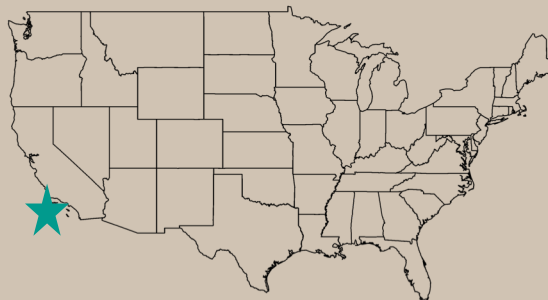


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