Catalina Perfume

Ribes viburnifolium

About me: I live on Santa Catalina Island, in a single canyon in San Diego County and coastal canyons of northwestern Baja California, Mexico.

Why I'm rare: I have probably always been rare in California, but human development has restricted my habitat. I am more common in Baja California, but development pressure has increased there, too.

My story: My lush, dark green leaves and red stems have a wonderful aroma. My beautiful maroon flowers bloom in late winter through early spring and mature into small red berries. I grow well under oaks and in other partially shaded areas. You can find me at Grow Native Nursery.

How you can help: I am a plant of critical conservation concern. You can sponsor me and contribute to conservation and restoration efforts to secure my future.

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