Ribes aureum is a broad, deciduous shrub up to 9’ tall. This plant is one of several in the genus Ribes that are native to California. It can form a thicket if not pruned. When in bloom in spring, it is full of small fragrant yellow flowers, turning into edible berries that birds are fond of. The glossy bright green leaves, 1- to 2-inch wide, are scalloped and turn red in the fall. It will go dormant if not watered in summer and loose it leaves. Ribes aureum likes moist to dry soils and sun to partial shade. It can spread via layering stems and rhizomes. When planting Ribes be sure to give it a good amount of water during the first two seasons, letting the soil dry well between watering. After that, it should be firmly established and drought-tolerant. Once established, caring for the Ribes is a low-maintenance affair. If you care to increase the following year’s blooms, prune the shrub back after blooms have withered. This shrub is native to slopes and alluvial places below 2,500’ in southern California, from the South Coast Ranges to western Riverside County. The USDA considers Ribes a "pioneer species", which means that it's on the front lines of land reclamation following a fire.