



# ENGLISH LAUREL

*Prunus laurocerasus*



## IDENTIFICATION

A large evergreen shrub or tree that can grow from 10-30 ft. Leaves are thick, 3-8 in. long, oblong, pointed at the tip, alternate, and are darker green on top and paler green on the underside. Flowers clusters of small, cream to white. Berries are black when ripe.



## IMPACTS

Displaces beneficial native plants. Spreads easily via birds. Very poisonous leaves, twigs, and seeds when ingested. Common invader of urban parks and forests.



## MANAGEMENT

Hand pull small seedlings. For larger plants, cut stems close to ground and dig out stump and as much roots as possible. For larger infestations, chemical methods are more effective. Always follow all label directions. Replace with Pacific Wax Myrtle or Snowbrush.

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