

## ***Ribes roezlii***

**Atsugewi: hEstikida (rolled between rocks to remove spines), Sierra Gooseberry, Sierra Currant**

H: 4' - 6'

W: 4'-6'

Light: Partial Shade

Water: Dry-Moderate

Temperature: -20F

Foliage: Green

Flower: Red and White

Native Range: California and southern Oregon. Primarily found in the Sierra Nevada.

**Description:** This showy gooseberry grows naturally among the mountains of California and Southern Oregon. In early spring it produces masses of fuschia like flowers that dangle like ornaments from wiry stems. The flowers are replaced by berries, which are tasty, but protected by thorns. This plant has a reputation for being finicky and prone to giving up on life for no apparent reason. It's pretty enough to try, but don't be too hard on yourself if it doesn't work out.

*R. roezlii* often goes dormant in the summer as an adaptation for surviving drought. Don't assume it's dead just because it drops its leaves, they will likely reappear in the fall.

### **More Information:**

[U.S. Forest Service](#)

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