

Is Mule Fat (*B. douglasii*) found in the park? Is that what I see in the drier areas that looks a little like small Toyon bushes?

Are the Q & A's available online?

As far as I know *Baccharis douglasii* (Marsh Baccharis, Douglas' Baccharis) or *Baccharis salicifolia* (Mule Fat) do not grow in Palo Alto Open Space. A close cousin *Baccharis pilularis* (Coyote Brush) occurs throughout Palo Alto Open Space and is very common in the Bay Area.

On many of our fire breaks, especially in the upper parts of Foothills Park you may be seeing a plant called Yerba Santa (*Satureja douglasii*), with long, willow shaped, serrated, aromatic leaves that are dark above and lighter colored underneath, earlier in the summer it would have had small clusters of purple flowers.

The Ask a Ranger questions and answers are not currently available online. I will look into getting them online and they may appear there in the future.