PLANT FACT SHEET

Arbutus canariensis Veill. ex Duhamel.

GENUS *Arbutus* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Canary Island strawberry tree, Canary madrona

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It has a neat round crown. It grows to 4.5 m high. It spreads to 3.5 m wide. It can grow 15 m tall. The bark is flaky and reddish-brown. The flowers are small and pink and occur in clusters which hang downwards. The fruit are soft and green. These occur in large bunches. The fruit are about 12 mm across. They turn red when the are ripe.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. They suit cool, humid conditions. They can grow in peaty, acid or alkaline soils. They need a fertile, humus-rich and well-drained soil. It does best in full sun. It grows in cloud forest in the Canary Islands. It suits hardiness zones 8-10. Arboretum Tasmania. National Arboretum Canberra.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

They can be grown from seed.

NOTES

There are 14 Arbutus species.

PICTURES



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