PLANT FACT SHEET

Arctostaphylos columbiana Piper

GENUS *Arctostaphylos* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Hairy manzanita, Columbian manzanita

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh. They are also cooked or made into jelly. They can be used for a cider-like drink.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 6 m high and spreads 3.5 m wide. The bark is peeling and purplish-brown. The twigs are white and have bristles. The leaves are oval and 5 cm long. The flowers are white to pink and in nodding clusters. The fruit are small, bright red berries.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is best in well-drained soil. It needs an open sunny position. It is resistant to drought and frost. It suits hardiness zones 7-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The fruit are softer when harvested slightly under-ripe.

NOTES

There are about 50 Arctostaphylos species.

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