PLANT FACT SHEET

Arbutus xalapensis Kunth.

GENUS *Arbutus* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Madrone

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Flowers

The fruit are chewed raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It can grow 12 m tall. The bark turns shiny cinnamon before peeling off. The leaves are oval or oblong. The leaves are deep green above and paler underneath. The flowers are pink or white and in loose panicles. The fruit are dark red and in clusters. They are 1 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It can grow in arid regions. It can withstand dry for extended periods. It can tolerate light frost. It suits hardiness zones 9-10. Arboretum Tasmania.

NOTES

There are 14 Arbutus species.

PICTURES



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