PLANT FACT SHEET

Arctostaphylos manzanita Parry

GENUS *Arctostaphylos* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Manzanita, Common manzanita

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit have been used to make a drink. They are also used for jelly.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows to 2.4-4.5 m high. It is stiff and woody. It can be spreading. The bark is reddish brown. There can be peeling layers of older duller bark. The leaves are thick and oval. There is a white scurf over the leaf when young. The leaves are 5 cm long. The flowers are tiny and in tight clusters. They are urn shaped and deep pink. The fruit are white but become red-brown berries. These are 12 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It can tolerate long dry periods. It is resistant to frost. It suits hardiness zones 8-10. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Seed are difficult to get to grow. Treatment with smoke may assist germination. Soaking seeds in hot water may help. Plants are often grown from tip cuttings. Planting several plants improves the pollination.

NOTES

There are about 50 Arctostaphylos species.

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