PLANT FACT SHEET

Arctostaphylos tomentosa (Pursh.) Lindl.

GENUS *Arctostaphylos* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Downy manzanita, Woolly manzanita

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The fruit are used to make a cooling drink.
The fruit are also eaten when not quite ripe.
The fruit can be dried and made into bread.
Caution: The fruit should probably not be eaten in large amounts when raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen tree. It grows 2.4 m high and spreads 3 m wide. It is divided into 9 subspecies. The bark is smooth and reddish. The bark is rough and the twigs are hairy. The leaves are hairy. The flowers are white or pink. The fruit are red.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It will tolerate temperatures down to -5°C. It suits hardiness zones 8-10.

NOTES

There are about 50 Arctostaphylos species.

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