

Arctostaphylos uva-ursi - Plant

Bearberry is an evergreen shrub. It blooms anywhere between March and June and is a long-term re-vegetative species.

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Description for Arctostaphylos uva-ursi

Plant height: 3 - 6 inches (7 - 16 cm)

Plant spread:

Arctostaphylos uva-ursi, known by a large number of common names including common bearberry and kinninnick, is an extremely winter hardy, creeping, slow-growing, prostrate, woody evergreen shrub that typically grows to 6-12 inch tall but spreads over time by flexible branching (roots at the nodes) to 3-6 inch wide or more.

Common name(s): Bearberry, Kinnikinnick, Red Bearberry, Cowberry, Manzanita, Mealberry.

Flower colours: White with tinge of pink

Bloom time: April to May

Max reachable height: 0.50 to 1.00 feet

Difficulty to grow: easy to grow

Planting and care

Use bearberry on hillsides or over rocky ground that needs coverage. It's ideal for use as ground cover underneath shrubs or around trees. Plant it along a rock wall and it will cascade down over the edge, softening the look of your landscape perimeter. If you live near the ocean, bearberry is salt-resistant, so use it as a seaside ground cover.

Sunlight: Full sun to part shade

Soil: well-drained

Water: Dry to medium

Temperature: -

Fertilizer: Apply for organic fertilizer

Caring for Arctostaphylos uva

- Once established, bearberry care is minimal with exceptional to occasional watering.
- If grown in poorly-drained sites or in climates hotter than preferred, this bearberry becomes more susceptible to certain diseases such as root rot, black mildew, leaf gall, leaf spot and rust.

Typical uses of Arctostaphylos uva

Special features: Attracts: Birds Fruit: Showy bears, birds and small mammals love the fruits.

Culinary use: Its berries are edible raw or cooked. You can make a refreshing tea from its young leaves.

Ornamental use: Sprigs of green leaves with red berries may be used as Christmas decorations.

Medicinal use: Teas have been made from certain plant parts (leaves, stems and roots) for a variety of medicinal purposes (antiseptic, astringent and diuretic). Leaves are rich in tannins and have been used in the process of tanning hides/leather.

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Reviews

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Does the plant need regular trimming?

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