



CASA  'LA PAZ'

SAGE ADVICE...

ARCTOSTAPHYLOS - Manzanita Basics

Manzanita, a Spanish word which translates to "little apple" for its green and red berries, is one of the most attractive members of the California flora. The curving, wind-blown form, red bark and thick grey-green leaves of this slow-growing shrub lends an authentic, formal look to the landscape.

With varieties ranging in size from groundcover to small trees, there is bound to be a Manzanita that will grace your garden with its beauty.

For best results, plant Manzanitas in the fall. In coastal locations, full sun to part shade is the preferable exposure for this plant, while inland locations usually require part shade. Good drainage is very important.

A few of the species grown at Tree of Life Nursery include *Arctostaphylos glauca*, Bigberry Manzanita, a large upright shrub found in local mountains; *Arctostaphylos cruzensis*, Arroyo de la Cruz Manzanita, a low mounding shrub; *Arctostaphylos rudis*, Sand Mesa Manzanita, an open, medium sized

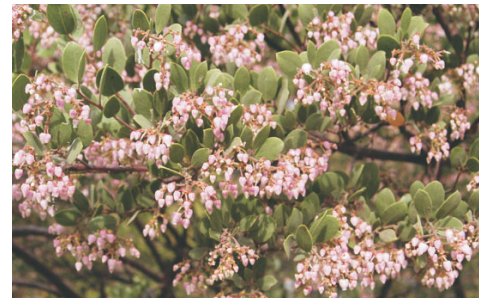
shrub; and *Arctostaphylos refugioensis*, Refugio Manzanita, a small tree with white flower clusters.

Other native plants that complement Manzanita nicely in the landscape include *Salvia apiana*, White Sage, *Yucca whipplei*, Our Lord's Candle, *Ceanothus spinosus*, Greenbark Ceanothus, *Cercic occidentalis*, Western Redbud, *Eriogonum fasciculatum*, California Buckwheat, *Muhlenbergia rigens*, Deergrass, *Mimulus aurantiacus*, Bush Monkeyflower, and *Romneya coulteri*, Matilija Poppy, just to name a few.

In formal applications, Manzanita makes an excellent foundation plant, one which should be used much more frequently in landscapes throughout the state.



Arctostaphylos 'Louis Edmunds'



Arctostaphylos 'Louis Edmunds' flower detail



Arctostaphylos refugioensis



Arctostaphylos refugioensis with beautiful rich colored bark.