



Arctostaphylos 'Lester Rowntree', MANZANITA

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SIMILAR MANZANITAS

- A. glauca*, Bigberry Manzanita
- A. 'Louis Edmunds'*
- A. rudis*, Sand Mesa Manzanita
- A. 'Sentinel'*

IDEAL COMPANION PLANTS

- Adenostema 'Black Diamond'*
- Eriogonum grande rubescens*
- Fremontodendron 'El Dorado Gold'*
- Leymus 'Canyon Prince'*
- Romneya 'White Cloud'*

Lester Rowntree' Manzanita was originally collected by and named for the enthusiastic California plantswoman of the 1950's and was introduced by Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in 1982. It is thought to be a hybrid between *A. obispoensis* and *A. pajaroensis*. A tall, spreading shrub with bluish foliage, pink flowers and reddish berries, it makes a stunning specimen. This manzanita grows to 8 feet tall by 8 feet wide and the smooth, reddish bark, long, curving branches and wind-blown form give this plant a refined look that is hard to resist. Autumn flowers are followed by berries resembling small apples, adding winter interest to the garden and providing habitat for songbirds! Plant in full sun to part shade in well-drained soil and water once a month.

PLANT PROFILES

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