



Arctostaphylos refugioensis, REFUGIO MANZANITA

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WHY PLANT A MANZANITA?

- architectural specimen
 - authentic beauty
 - smooth, red bark
 - landscape value
 - wildlife habitat
 - winter berries
- colorful new growth
- showy flower clusters

Refugio manzanita, endemic to Santa Barbara county, is one of the largest manzanitas, reaching 15 feet tall and 10 feet wide. It also grows a bit faster than other types of manzanitas and has dark brown branches and showy white flower clusters in spring. Plant in full sun to part shade in well drained soil and provide a thorough irrigation once a month for best results. Hummingbirds and bees are attracted to the flowers, and various songbirds eat the berries. Manzanitas make classic specimens for courtyards, entries or front yards surrounded by natives like *Eriogonum*, *Mimulus*, *Rhamnus*, *Romneya*, *Salvia*, *Iris*, *Heuchera* and *Dudleya*.

PLANT PROFILES

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