

# Madrone or Madrona



Famous for its young smooth chartreuse bark that peels away after turning brownish-red.



Leaves are alternate, oval, dark shiny green on top and white green below, thick and leathery. Flowers are urn like and fragrant, 6-7mm long in large drooping clusters.



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PNW Native Plant

## *Arbutus menziesii*

Small to medium broadleaf evergreen tree with heavy branches,

# Stunning Bark

### Restoration and Landscape Uses:

This beautiful tree is known for its chartreuse and smooth young bark that peels away turning brownish-red. It has beautiful orange-red berries in the fall with white flowers in the spring. These trees can be found along the western shore from San Diego to the Georgia Strait.

Full sun

**Dry rocky SOILS**

**Ecology:** Dry rocky sites, rock bluffs and canyons, low to mid elevation found with Douglas fir and Garry Oak.

### Cultural Uses:

Mostly known for a few medicinal uses. Some tribes in California have been known to eat the berries but they do not taste good. They are a valuable food source for robins, varied thrushes and band-tailed pigeons. In Latin *Arbutus* means “strawberry tree” which refers to the bright red berries in the fall.