

*A Must-Have California Native Plant!*

# Manzanita

*Arctostaphylos species*



**Description:** **Manzanitas** are evergreen, water-conserving plants with distinctive red bark. Forms include trees, shrubs and groundcovers, all bearing attractive flowers in winter and early spring, followed by berries.



**Light:** Full Sun



**68** species of butterflies and moths can lay eggs on this plant.



**Featured Butterfly:** The tiny **Brown Elfin butterfly** has a 1" wingspan. As a caterpillar, it feeds on manzanitas, then forms a chrysalis on the ground in the leaves below. Over the winter birds rely on these for food, so be sure to leave the leaves!

**Keystone Plant:** This California native is a "must have" (host) plant for caterpillars, which, in turn, are the "must have" food for baby birds.

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