

Botanical Name: Arctostaphylos 'Green Sphere'

Common Name: No common name

Type of Plant: dicot/shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a very distinctive manzanita, noted for its dense rounded and symmetrical canopy; the plant eventually spreads at the base to become broadly mounded with gnarled branches

Height 2' - 4' (5') Spread equal or more Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers sunny locations near the coast; tolerates some shade at hotter inland sites

Soil thrives in most well-draining soils; tolerates ample watering

Hardiness hardy (zones 6-9, 14-24): best in warm coastal-plain areas

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate-opposite, closely crowded on red stems; oval-elliptic, 1/2"-3/4" long, bright green

Flowers white, small, urn-shaped, in crowded clusters; mostly in late winter (Feb.-March)

Fruit if present, a small reddish-brown pome

Propagation: softwood or semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: an excellent small-medium sized filler, different from most manzanitas in its very uniform shape - adapts well to 'formal' theme

gardens; with age, the plant can become an accent shrub for its dense rugged appearance and branch structure.

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers an occasional deep-soak irrigation; avoid lawn-watering

Fertilizing little is needed after establishment

Pruning none is required; a light tip-pruning enhances its 'formal' look; can selectively thin to display branch structure

Pests/Diseases relatively free; Manzanita branch die-back if over-watered

Special Conditions can be used as hedge material
a cultivar of

Origin: A. edmundsii Family: Ericaceae