

Botanical Name: Arctostaphylos uva-ursi

Common Name: Bearberry, Kinnikinnick

Type of Plant: dicot; groundcover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape prostrate, woody spreading groundcover with red stems,
which root as the plants creep outward

Height 1' Spread to 10' Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun

Soil does best with good drainage

Hardiness hardy (zones 1-9, 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves alternate, simple obovate to 1" long, medium green,
glabrous margins entire, leathery texture

Flowers terminal racemes of small bell-shaped white or pink
flowers; February - March

Fruit small red drupe--forms in summer

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings, division

Usage: excellent slope cover, in coastal plantings, good in
planters or small scale landscapes--weed control can be a problem

Landscape Care:

Watering once per month in summer--after established, tolerates
drought well

Fertilizing balanced in spring if needed

Pruning pinch or prune upward pointing growth for low cover

Pests/Diseases root rot if drainage is poor

Special Conditions

Origin: Calif.- Alaska Family: Ericaceae