

Botanical Name: Arctostaphylos manzanita 'Dr. Hurd'

Common Name: No common name

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape one of the larger cultivated manzanitas - grows irregularly upward and spreads to form a potentially large shrub or small tree with age; canopy becomes more dense and rounded as plant matures

Height 6' - 10' (15') Spread 2/3 to equal Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors thrives in full sun near the coast; tolerates partial shade at inland locations

Soil requires well-draining; tolerates clay if not over-watered

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-9, 14-24): prefers sunny foothill sites

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, oval to partially elliptic, 2" - 3" long; leathery, medium green

Flowers white, urn-shaped, in dense clusters at ends of branches; January - March

Fruit if present, a small dark red pome

Propagation: softwood or semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: an excellent accent shrub for its picturesque branching structure and late winter display of white flowers; large filler or background for woodlands-theme gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers an occasional deep soak

Fertilizing little required after establishment

Pruning as an accent plant, thin out canopy occasionally to expose the rugged branch structure

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions avoid wet heavy soils in shaded locations

Origin: a cultivar Family: Ericaceae