

## Arbutus unedo

### (Strawberry tree, Cane apple)

Arbutus unedo is a distinctive spreading evergreen shrub or small tree native to the mediterranean region, with green fleshy leaves and reddish bark. Hanging clusters of small white flowers opens during autumn. It has an edible fruit.

Tolerates slightly alkine conditions. Excellent for a large border.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Arbre aux fraises

**Pronunciation:** ar-BEW-tus YOO-nee-doe

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Origin:** Mediterranean region

**Heat Zones:** 6, 7, 8, 9

**Hardiness Zones:** 7, 8, 9, 10

**Uses:** Screen, Specimen, Edible, Wildlife, Native to Lebanon

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Tree Shape:** Round

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Dense

**Canopy Texture:** Fine

**Height at Maturity:** 5 to 8 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 3 to 5 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 5 to 10 Years

#### Notes

In Lebanon, Arbutus can be planted up to 800 m

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Flower Image

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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Oval

**Leaf Margins:** Serrate

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy, Medium

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Flower Type:** Panicle

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** White, Pink

**Seasons:** Fall, Winter

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked, Can be trained to one trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Colored, Papery

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Berry

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 3 - 7

**Fruit Colors:** Yellow, Red

**Seasons:** Fall, Winter

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### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full

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#### Management

**Toxicity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** 25-50 years

**Edible Parts:** Fruit

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



Other Image