

Arbutus andrachne

(Strawberry Tree)

Arbutus andrachne is a remarkable tree with a peeling, red-brown bark and attractive white-cream spring flowers. The fruit are edible, red in color and gave the common name of the tree as it resembles to strawberries. Arbutus is native to the mediterranean region.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: arbre à fraises

Arabic Name: قطلب

Pronunciation: Ar-BEW-tus an-DRAK-nee

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Mediterranean region

Heat Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 8, 9, 10

Uses: Screen, Specimen, Edible, Street, Native to Lebanon

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m

Spread at Maturity: 5 to 8 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

Notes

In Lebanon, Arbutus can be planted up to 800 m

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Oval

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Leathery, Glossy, Coarse

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Capitulum

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Yellow, White

Seasons: Winter

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

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

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Colored, Papery

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Winter

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full

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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