

Pecho manzanita

Arctostaphylos pechoensis



About me: I am a beautiful Manzanita that only grows in the Pecho Hills of the central coast of California.

Why I'm rare: My home is shrinking in size due to land development. If my home and the ecological processes that I need to survive disappear, then I will also cease to exist.

My story: I belong to the same plant family as blueberries and rhododendrons. I have beautiful smooth red bark and white, u-shaped flowers that turn into small red fruits. My fruits are edible when they are young and can be used to brew a yummy cider. But don't try them when they are ripe or you may have to make an emergency trip to the dentist! Please remember: Do not pick fruit, leaves or flowers of plants in the Garden.

How you can help: Volunteer at botanic gardens to help restore natural areas and native plants.



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