



WACD Plant Materials Center

## MADRONE

**Common Name:** Madrone, Pacific Madrone

**Scientific Name:** *Arbutus menziesii*

**Distribution:** Madrone is found in low elevation western Washington.

**Growth Habit:** Madrone is an upright broadleaved evergreen tree. Its growth habit and size can be quite variable. Larger specimens have been known to grow to 80 feet tall, but that is rare. They are usually much shorter.

**Adaptability:** Madrone requires an open, well-drained site. They do not tolerate wet, heavy soils.

**Comments:** Madrone is one of the more striking broad-leaved trees native to this region. Its smooth, peeling cinnamon-colored bark is unmistakable, as are the broad, glossy-green leaves. In the spring it produces clusters of small white urn-shaped flowers which develop into orange berries by late summer. These small fruits are not edible for human consumption, but are an important food-source for many birds of the region.

