



## Arbutus unedo



<b>Height</b>	10 m
<b>Crown</b>	ovoid to round, half-open crown, dark, dense crown, capricious growing
<b>Bark and branches</b>	grey-brown, scaling
<b>Leaf</b>	obovate to elliptical, glossy dark green, 5 - 10 cm, evergreen
<b>Flowers</b>	urn-shaped, white to light pink, about 0.6 cm, in dense, pendent panicles, October/December
<b>Fruits</b>	orange-reds, about 2 cm, rough, edible fruits
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	few soil requirements, prefers slightly acidic
<b>Soil moisture</b>	suitable for dry soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates partial paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	8a (-12,2 to -9,5 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	good
<b>Other resistances</b>	can withstand wind
<b>Application</b>	avenues and broad streets, parks, squares, cemeteries, coastal areas, large gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
<b>Origin</b>	Southwest Ireland to Asia Minor

Medium-size tree with a short trunk and a fairly dense ovoid to round crown. The scaling, grey-brown trunk has an attractive and decorative quality that becomes apparent after just a few years. The glossy, dark green leaf gives the tree a healthy appearance. In autumn and early winter, the dense panicles of small, white to light pink flowers appear. They can be followed by large, round fruits that resemble strawberries. These orange-red fruits are edible but fairly tasteless. *A. unedo* will grow in any soil type, tolerating both acidic and calcareous soils. The tree also has some tolerance for drought. It can easily tolerate (sea) wind but must be protected against cold (sub-zero) wind.