



## Arbutus unedo



Height	10 m
Width	6-8m
Crown	ovoid to round, half-open crown, dark, dense crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	grey-brown, scaling
Leaf	obovate to elliptical, glossy dark green, 5 - 10 cm, evergreen
Flowers	urn-shaped, white to light pink, about 0.6 cm, in dense, pendent panicles, October/December
Fruits	orange-red, about 2 cm, rough, edible fruits
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	few soil requirements, prefers slightly acidic
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates partial paving
Winter hardiness zone	8a (-12,2 to -9,5 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	can withstand wind
Application	avenues and broad streets, coastal areas
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	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.