

# *Arctostaphylos*

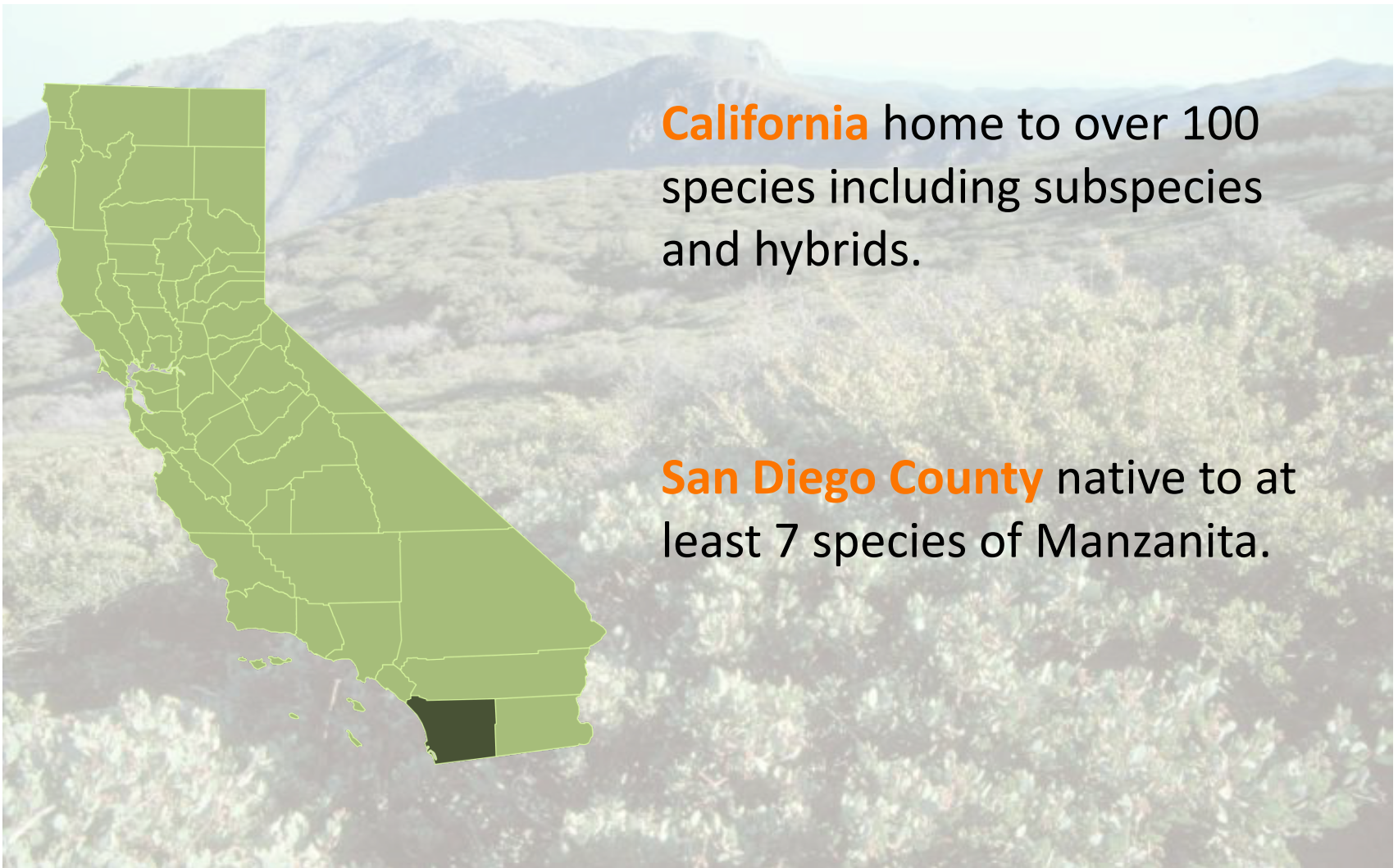


Family: *Ericaceae* (Er-ek-AY-see-ee)

Genus: *Arctostaphylos* (Ark-toe-staff-ih-lus)

Common Name: **Manzanita**

# Native to Western North America



**California** home to over 100 species including subspecies and hybrids.

**San Diego County** native to at least 7 species of Manzanita.

# Common Traits of Manzanita



*Arctostaphylos manzanita ssp. manzanita*

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*A. pungens*  
Mexican Manzanita

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# Common Traits of Manzanita



*Arctostaphylos otayensis*;  
Otay Manzanita

Photo: David Graber 2003



*Xylococcus bicolor*; Mission Manzanita

Photo: Anthony Baniaga

# Common Traits of Manzanita



***A. glandulosa* ssp. *cushingiana*; Cushing Manzanita**

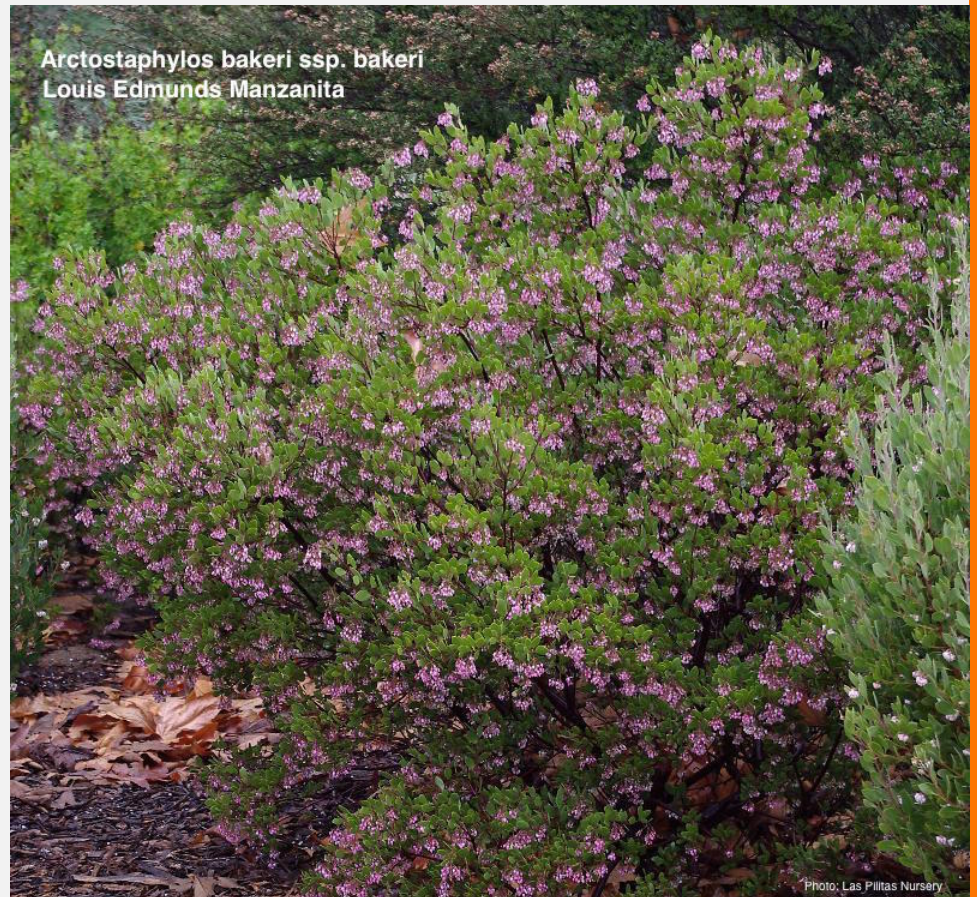
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***Arctostaphylos glauca*  
Bigberry Manzanita**

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# Common Traits of Manzanita



# Native Plant



Drought tolerant

Xeriscape

Low maintenance

Tolerates poor soils

Long lived, slow growing

# Wildlife



Hummingbirds  
Butterflies  
Native Bees  
Beneficial predators  
Bears  
Coyote  
Small mammals





# Species

Endangered Species in San Diego:

*A. glandulosa* ssp. *crassifolia* 'Del Mar Manzanita'

*A. otayensis* 'Otay Manzanita'

*A. Rainbowensis* 'Rainbow Manzanita'



*Arctostaphylos glandulosa*  
ssp. *crassifolia*;  
Del Mar Manzanita

# More Information

California Native Plant Society

Pacific Horticulture Society

Natural Resources Conservation Service  
[plants.usda.gov](http://plants.usda.gov)

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

[Calflora.org](http://Calflora.org)

The Sunset Western Garden Book

Las Pilitas Nursery