




# STREET TREES

## Recommended for Southern California

### 3rd EDITION

 *concise, self-contained Guide of Recommended STREET TREES to be used in Southern California by students, municipal and government employees, practicing arborists, landscape designers and the general public.*

**Arbutus 'Marina' – strawberry tree**  
**Pronunciation:** Ar-BEAUT-us mar-ee-na  
**Family:** Ericaceae  
**Origin:** A hybrid of unknown parentage

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**Crown form/size:** Upright branching, broad- to round-headed and with dense foliage. Moderate growth rate to 25- to 40-foot tall, depending on conditions.

**Trunk/bark:** Bark is smooth, reddish-brown or mahogany, but exfoliates in late summer, exposing younger, lighter colored bark below.

**Foliage:** Evergreen. Very similar to *A. unedo*, but generally larger. Leaves are glossy, dark-green, broadly elliptical, 4- to 5-inches long and half as wide, with finely toothed margins. New foliage is bronzy-red and the petioles are initially pink.

**Flowers/fruit:** Flowers are borne in drooping clusters. They are showy, pink to rose-colored, pendulous, urn-shaped, and less than 0.5-inch long. Flowering occurs throughout the year. Flowers contain both male and female parts (perfect). The strawberry-like fruit are spherical, 1-inch in diameter, red to yellow, and have a rough, warty surface. Wildlife are attracted to the fruit that ripen in the fall or winter. The fruit can be eaten.


**Hardiness/adaptability/cultural preferences:** Tolerates most well-drained soils. Adaptable to very acidic to slightly alkaline conditions. Water needs are low to moderate, depending on region. Moderately drought tolerant once established, but will tolerate regular irrigation, depending on drainage. Best with occasional deep watering. Tolerates exposure to moderate (protected) coastal conditions. Best in full sun. Sunset zones 8, 9, 14-24.

**Uses:** Relatively new in the nurseries but widely planted. Good in parking strips, medians, residential plantings, or for screening. Generally does well in lawns where drainage is good.

**Space requirement:** Suitable for 3-foot wide parkways, medians and cutouts. Root damage potential is rated low.

**Pests of concern:** Reported to be resistant to Armillaria. Scale insects and thrips occasionally cause some issues. Susceptible to *Phytophthora* in heavily irrigated and poorly-drained sites.

**Comments:** Slippery fruit can be a nuisance over paved surfaces.



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- A full-page photo montage portrays tree form, details of foliage, flower, fruit and bark for each species, as appropriate. This extensive pictorial coverage makes the book an indispensable identification tool for all levels of expertise.
- A pronunciation guide to botanical names is provided in the initial heading for each tree. Botanical and common names are included and cross referenced in an appendix.
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