

## ***Arctostaphylos glauca* Lindley**

[*Arctostaphylos glauca* Lindley var. *eremicola* Jepson]

### **Bigberry Manzanita**

**Description:** Erect evergreen, often single-trunked shrub/small tree 2-8 m high, bark smooth brick red. The leaves are gray-green. The flowers are white to pinkish and look like tiny Chinese lanterns. Flowers in winter and early spring, December-March.

**Habitat:** rocky slopes, alluvial fans, shallow or rocky soils; Mixed Chaparral, Chamise Chaparral, Coast Live Oak Woodland; <2,200 m.

**Distribution:** Native to central and southern California, in mountainous areas from the Bay Area south to Baja California, Mexico. Only on western edges of desert areas.

**Landscape Position:** Best in xeric, open, well-drained locations, all aspects of house except north. Give plenty of room. Hardy to USDA Zone 7-8.

**Landscape Attributes:** Provides light/gray green texture, attractive shape with erect branch tips. Evergreen requiring NO irrigation. Tolerates full sun. Single or few trunks with sensuous smooth brick-red bark. Good specimen plant.

