



MARINA ARBUTUS ▼

Strawberry Tree

Arbutus 'Marina' commands attention with its ever changing display of seasonal interest. Mahogany layers peel off to reveal an under layer of cinnamon colored bark. Artful pruning will accentuate this attribute. Pendulous clusters of pinkish-white, urn shaped flowers dangle from its branches in late summer. Flowers fade into large, strawberry-like, clustered fruit that is yellow at first, and then matures to vivid red. 'Marina' is often in flower and fruit simultaneously.

'Marina' is thought to have been first presented at the European Horticultural Exposition of 1917, and reintroduced in 1984 by the Saratoga Horticultural Foundation. Reportedly, the Foundation received their cuttings from a tree in Victor Reiter's yard, which is said to have been a cutting from a tree planted in the Marina district of San Francisco in the early 1900's.

Botanical Name: *Arbutus x 'Marina'*

Common Name: *Marina Strawberry Tree*

Hardiness: *USDA zone 7*

Best Uses: *Screen, accent, specimen*

Habit: *Wide, irregular, upright; 25'H x 25'W at ten years*

Culture: *Full sun, well drained soils, ample water until established*

Features:

- *Multi season interest*
- *Exfoliating, cinnamon colored bark*
- *Evergreen, dark green, leathery leaves*
- *Bell shaped white flowers Spring into Summer*
- *Strawberry-like fruit forms in the Fall; yellow initially, turning to red*

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