

Arctostaphylos pungens Mexican Manzanita

SHRUB

To 8' high, relatively slender,
upright growth.

Leaves narrow, dark green —
variable.

Flowers showy, light pink —
February to March.

Dark red bark.

Native habitat: rocky slopes,
ridges, chaparral, forest,
600–9000' — South Coast
Ranges, San Bernardino
Mountains, Peninsular
Ranges, Desert Mountains;
to Utah, Texas, Mexico.

Full sun.

Adaptable to soils from clay to
gravel.

Good as background shrub.

Attracts hummingbirds.

Birds enjoy the berries.



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