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Massachusetts Bearberry Arctostaphylos uva-ursi 'Massachusetts'

Height: 12 inches

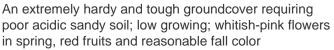
Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: O O

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: Kinnikinik

## **Description:**



## **Ornamental Features**



persists throughout the winter. Landscape Attributes

Massachusetts Bearberry is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Massachusetts Bearberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Groundcover

## **Planting & Growing**

Massachusetts Bearberry will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.



Massachusetts Bearberry flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have sandy, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.