**Arctostaphylos uva-ursi**
Bearberry, Kinnikinick

**Family:** Ericaceae. (USDA 2011)

**Blooming season:** Early spring.

**Plant:**
Perennial, a creeping and sprawling plant, mature height is about 15 cm.

**Leaves:**
Green to dark green, oval shaped leaves, small about 1–2.5 cm long.

**Flower:**
Whitish-pink to yellow, size of flower is about 1cm. (USDA 2011)

**Fruit:** Small berry.

**Geographic range:**
- **State:** Found in dune ecosystems between the foredunes and backdunes.
- **Region:**

**Habitat:**
Grows in open areas dry areas.

**Common local companions:**
Jack pine, white pine, false heather, little blue stem grass, and juniper.

**Uses:**
Soap, extract for skin, and lotion. American Indians used leaves as a substitute for tobacco.

**Why is it called that?**
The specific name for bearberry is uva, which means grape, and ursus which means bear, thus the common name bearberry arises. (Webster 2006)

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