

Botanical Name: Agonis flexuosa

Common Name: Peppermint tree, Australian willow myrtle

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a fast-growing, mostly single-trunked plant, with slender, arching and hanging branches and narrow leaves forming a loose rounded canopy with willow-like appearance

Height 20'-30' (40') Spread equal Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial light; tolerates shade at inland sites

Soil tolerates most; can grow in both wet or fairly dry soils

Hardiness semi-hardy (zones 15-17, 20-24): prefers mild coastal sites

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, narrowly elliptic, with slightly toothed margins; shiny dark green; older leaves may emit peppermint odor

Flowers tiny, white, in small clusters along the branchlets; May-June

Fruit a tiny capsule

Propagation: seed

Usage: an excellent small to medium-sized accent tree for its loose, willowlike appearance (without the invasive roots and messy leaf drop); small shade tree for patios; temperate, Mediterranean or subtropical themes

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers frequent deep-soak irrigation; can tolerate either heavy or infrequent watering

Fertilizing balanced, as needed; may become chlorotic at heavily watered sites

Pruning head high and develop open framework

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions sensitive to repeated frost below 27F

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae