

Botanical Name: Melaleuca elliptica

Common Name: Granite honey-myrtle

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub or tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright to somewhat sprawling, irregular branching, rounded to spreading canopy, brown bark sheds in strips

Height 6-10' (15') Spread equal Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil prefers well-draining soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 9, 12-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate-whorled, oval-round, 1/2 - 3/4" long, leathery, dull green

Flowers reddish-crimson, many stamens, bottlebrush-like, 3-4" spikes, spring-fall

Fruit woody capsule, 1/4"

Propagation: seed

Usage: large accent shrub for branch structure, foliage and showy flowers; container plant; slopes

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak

Fertilizing little needed after established

Pruning little -- selectively thin to enhance branch structure

Pests/Diseases

Special Conditions relatively free

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae