

Botanical Name: Melaleuca decussata

Common Name: Lilac melaleuca

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape thin textured shrub or small tree with slender pendulous
branches and light brown shedding bark

Height 8-20' Spread 8-20' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers a soil with good drainage

Hardiness some frost (zones 9, 12-24)

Morphology:

Leaves small, linear leaves, alternate to whorled, light blue-
green; densely set on long, arching branches

Flowers lilac to purple flowers in 1" spikes throughout plant;
resemble tiny bottlebrush flowers

Fruit small woody capsules -- resemble 1/4" beads

Propagation: seed

Usage: good for mass plantings on slopes, near coast, or in low
maintenance areas can be used as a screen or background plant

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers an occasional deep soak

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning thin out to enhance branch structure; or head back

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions tolerates much neglect

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae