

Botanical Name: Melaleuca quinquenervia (M. Leucodendra)

Common Name: Cajeput Tree

Type of Plant: dicot:tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, mostly single-trunked tree, with short side
branches forming a slender, open oval canopy; mature plant has a thick,
spongy, white papery bark

Height 20-40' Spread 1/4-1/2 Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil tolerates most except highly alkaline soils

Hardiness some frost (zones 9,13,16,17,20-24); prefers warm coast

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, elliptic-oval or oblong; 2-4" long,
leathery-stiff; resemble bottlebrush leaves

Flowers creamy white, 1/2"-1" diameter, with numerous stamens; in
mostly terminal clusters; late spring-fall

Fruit a woody capsule: 1/8" diameter, reddish-brown

Propagation: seed

Usage: widely used as a vertical accent (flowers, loose form,
white bark); also as street tree, patio tree, background clumps

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak preferred; tolerates regular if
drainage is good

Fertilizing as needed; suffers from iron chlorosis in wet heavy soils

Pruning as needed, to maintain shape and remove dead wood

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae