

Botanical Name: Leptospermum laevigatum 'Reevesii'

Common Name: Dwarf Australian tea tree

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape dense, rounded-mounded habit, many branched; closely set  
leaves; forms a much fuller, more compact canopy than standard Leptospermums

Height 3-5' Spread 3-5' Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers well draining soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 14-24); prefers habitats towards the coast

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, obovate, 3/4-1" long, dull blue- green,  
mucronate, leathery, slightly larger than sp.

Flowers white, 5 petaled, 1/3" across, solitary, axillary--April  
through July (blooms only when mature)

Fruit 1/8" oval capsule

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings

Usage: excellent low-medium filler for dense, mounded shape and  
foliage low informal hedge, border -- good for drought tolerant landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak after established--tolerates  
regular watering with good drainage

Fertilizing little needed after established

Pruning little required--selectively tip back for uniform shape

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae