

Botanical Name: Melaleuca linariifolia

Common Name: Flaxleaf paperbark

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright, single-trunked tree, with ascending and spreading branches forming a loose rounded canopy; outer branches may droop, giving a somewhat weeping appearance; has white papery bark

Height 20'-30' (40') Spread 2/4 to equal Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil well-draining dry soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 13-24); thrives in hot inland locations

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite or alternate, linear; 3/4"-1-1/2" long, light green, on pale whitish-green branchlets

Flowers white, very small (1/4" diameter) in large terminal panicles; a heavy bloomer during summer months

Fruit a tiny (1/8" diameter) capsule

Propagation: seed

Usage: an accent tree for its loose open form, picturesque branch structure, white papery bark, and mass of flowers in summer; used as a street tree, patios, hillsides; avoid lawn watering

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; keep on dry side

Fertilizing little is required

Pruning head high when young and develop the scaffold branches

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae