

Botanical Name: Leptospermum laevigatum

Common Name: Australian Tea Tree

Type of Plant: dicot: tree/shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape single-trunked, very irregular in shape unless pruned
otherwise; the twisted, curving branches spread upward and outward to form a
broadly rounded canopy; bark is shaggy gray-brown

Height 15-25' (30') Spread equal or more Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun; tolerates partial sun away from the coast

Soil well draining: avoid wet clay soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 14-24); prefers warm sunny coastal habitats

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, almost sessile, oblanceolate-elliptic;
3/4"-1-1/2" long, apex slightly mucronate; gray-green on both surfaces, leathery

Flowers white, 1/2"-3/4" broad, solitary or in groups of 2-3;
axillary, with many stamens; spring

Fruit a capsule: 1/4" across, small, woody, bowl-shaped

Propagation: seed

Usage: a beautiful windswept accent tree for its irregular form;
picturesque branch structure, and spring flower displays; if several are
planted close together, makes a large background screen

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak: plant becomes very drought
tolerant after established

Fertilizing little is necessary after established

Pruning as an accent tree, head high; develop scaffold framework,

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae