

Botanical Name: Melaleuca nesophila

Common Name: Pink melaleuca

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub/tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an irregular, single or multi-trunked plant; larger
branches are covered with thick white spongy bark; has loose rounded canopy in
youth which becomes more open and irregular with age

Height 10'-20' (30') Spread 2/3-equal Growth Rate mod-rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil tolerates most, including alkaline and rocky soils

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

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate-whorled; obovate-oblong; gray-green,
1/2 -1" long, leathery; apex often mucronate

Flowers rose-pink, round, in 1" terminal heads, staminate
flowers fall or intermittent during year

Fruit a capsule: small (1/4"), woody, top-shaped

Propagation: seed

Usage: a beautiful small accent tree for its interesting
branching form and attractive flowers; often used as windscreen or large
informal hedge; good on slopes for erosion control

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; plant is drought-tolerant after
established

Fertilizing as needed; little required after established

Pruning as a tree, head high and thin out; best if not sheared

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae