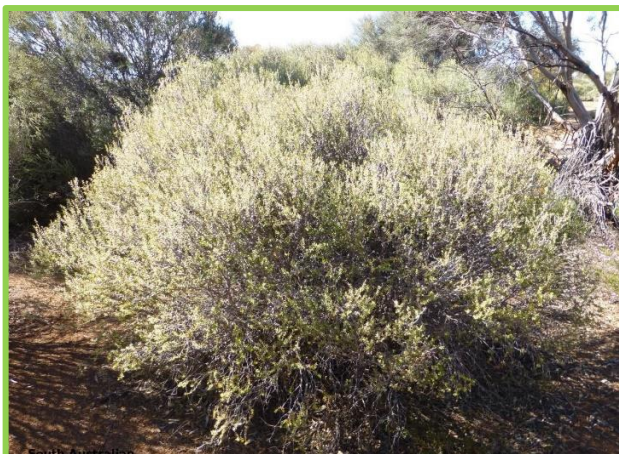




# Melaleuca acuminata

## Mallee Honey Myrtle



(Seeds of South Australia)

**Form:** Large shrub

**Height:** 2 – 4 m



(Fagg, M, Australian Plant Image Index)

**Spread:** 1 – 3 m

**Flowers:** Cream



(Sando, D, iNaturalist Australia)

**Type:** Bottlebrush

**Flowering time:** Spring

**Ecological functions:**



**Soils:** sand or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral

**Germination rate:** 3 to 4 weeks

**Seed collecting:** cut off mature fruits with secateurs, then lay out to dry. Seed will release from capsules from a day to a week depending on temperature. Pass material through sieves to remove unwanted material. Store in dry cool area.

**Seed treatment:** none

**Sowing requirements:** sprinkle seed over propagating mix, keep moist. Avoid sowing thickly. Use liquid fertiliser 7 – 10 days after they first appear. Use Maxicrop, Thrive or Aquasol. Sow in late Spring to Summer. Requires well-drained soils.

**Position:** full sun

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** can be used as a screen, barrier or informal hedge. Indigenous peoples used fibre and bark for clothing and swaddling babies, the nectar to make drinks, wood and stems for implements and to construct shelters.

**Note:** written approval required prior to planting in streets or roads. Do not plant closer than 2 m to any sewer main or connection.