



# Melaleuca lanceolata

## Dryland Tea Tree



(Seeds of South Australia)



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**Form:** *Medium tree*   **Height:** *3 – 8 m*   **Spread:** *3 – 5 m*   **Flowers:** *White*   **Type:** *Bottlebrush*   **Flowering time:** *Spring, Summer*

**Ecological functions:**



**Soils:** *sand, clay or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral*   **Germination rate:** *3 to 4 weeks*

**Seed collecting:** large amounts of seed can be collected easily from the ample fruits this species produces. Cut off the fruits then lay out to dry. When seed is released, pass through fine screens to remove unwanted material. Store in airtight container in dry cool position.

**Seed treatment:** none

**Sowing requirements:** sprinkle seeds over propagating mix, then cover them with fine gravel. Keep moist. Sow in late Spring to Summer.

**Position:** full sun, part shade.

**Supplementary watering:** minimal

**Uses:** ornamental. Tolerates coastal exposure and calcareous soils. 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 3.5 m to any sewer main or connection. As well as any sewer pipe in home gardens.