PLANT FACT SHEET

Aluta maisonneuvei F. Muell.

GENUS *Aluta* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Heath myrtle, Desert thryptomene

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Honey, Flowers - nectar

The nectar is beaten from the flowers in early morning. It is used as a drink.

DESCRIPTION

A low dense shrub. It has many branches and is round and compact. It grows 0.3-1.5 m high. The bark peels in thin red strips. The leaves are very small and crowded along the ends of the small branches. They have a sweet smell when crushed. The flowers are small and white or pinkish. The fruit are small woody capsules.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows on red sand dunes and sandplains. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

There are 40 Thryptomene species. They grow in Australia.

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