PLANT FACT SHEET

Melaleuca ericifolia Sm.

GENUS *Melaleuca* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Red honey-myrtle, Swamp paperbark

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower - nectar

The flowers are soaked in water to make a drink from the nectar.

DESCRIPTION

A tall shrub or tree. It grows 2-9 m tall. The bark is pale and papery. The leaves are small and narrow. They are alternate and crowded along the stems. They are 8-15 mm long by 1 mm wide. The flowers are in short spikes 2 cm long. The stamens are white. The fruit are rounded capsules 3-4 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in wet coastal lagoons and swamps. Arboretum Tasmania.

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