



Melaleuca acuminata

Mallee Honey Myrtle



(Seeds of South Australia)



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Form: *Large shrub*

Height: *2 – 4 m*

Spread: *1 – 3 m*

Flowers: *Cream*

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.