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**SPECIES**

Leptospermum petersonii

**COMMON NAME**

Lemon scented tea tree

**ORIGIN**

East coast of Australia. and wet forests of Northern NSW and Queensland

**DESIGN USE**

Cultivated as an ornamental and garden plant, popular for its scent and attractiveness and for essential oils, also used as an ingredient in botique tea blends with standard black teas.



**HEIGHT**

5m or 12-20 feet

**SPREAD**

3m or 8-12 feet

**HABIT**

A tall rounded evergreen shrub to small tree

**FORM**

Open-branched shrub, can be kept to shrub height by pruning



**FLOWERS**

White fragrant flowers with green centers bloom (1.5cm in dia.) followed with woody capsules

**FLOWERING PERIOD**

Spring/Summer

**CLIMATIC TOLERANCES**

Plant in full sun. It is drought tolerant and deer tolerant. Winter hardiness:25-30F. Minor insect damage to leaves, but may suffer occasionally from borer. Tolerant, evidence of successful recovery from root damage in urban landscapes.



**HORTICULTURE**

Protect from hot/dry winds. It is slightly frost-tender taking temperatures down to about 25 degrees. Needs low water and well drained soil

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