

SPECIES Leptospermum polygalifolium

COMMON NAME Yellow tea tree

ORIGIN South coast of New South Wales to Cape York

DESIGN USE Garden plant, specimen



HEIGHT

0.5 to 7 m

SPREAD

6m

HABIT

It is hardy shrub or a slender to stout trunked tree; the bark usually being close and firm but soft, thick and flaky in some forms.

FORM

Rounded shrub; semi prostate form

FLOWERS

Flowers white but may be greenish, offwhite to plae pink 10 t0 15 mm dia.

FLOWERING PERIOD

Aug to January

VARIATIONS

- subbsp polygalifolium
- subsp montanum
- subsp cismontanum
- subsp howense
- subsp tropicum
- subsp transmontanum

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

It's suitable for most soils requiring water during dry periods and suited to a wide range of climates including tropical and cool zones.

HORTICULTURE

Cultivation presents few problems as most adapt well to a variety of soil types. Full sun is preferred but many species will tolerate poor drainage and, in fact, some thrive in regularly inundated conditions. Needs lots of light. Propagation is easy from both seed and cuttings and cultivars must be reproduced by vegetative means if clonal properties are to be retained.

REFERENCES

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