



<b>SPECIES</b>	Melaleuca alternifolia
<b>COMMON NAME</b>	Narrow-leaved Paperbark, Narrow-leaved Tea-tree, Snow-in-summer
<b>ORIGIN</b>	Australia
<b>DESIGN USE</b>	Grows along streams and on swampy flats, for medicinal use



**HEIGHT**  
2-30m

**SPREAD**  
min 2m

**HABIT**  
Evergreen tree or tall shrub

**FORM**  
The plant is very slow growing and can be kept as a bush for many years. It has a dense rounded crown.



**FLOWERS**  
White flowers occur in spikes 3-5 cm long.

**FLOWERING PERIOD**  
Late spring to mid-summer

**CLIMATIC TOLERANCES**  
This valuable plant is pretty easy to grow. It requires a fertile, well-drained moisture retentive lime-free soil and a full sun. Marginally frost hardy, it succeeds best in a warm climate.

**HORTICULTURE**  
Propagation by seeds only, which is not always successful. For successful germination, seeds must be kept in slightly moist medium with good drainage, and only slightly covered by the mix. Bright light and warm temperature is a must for germination.



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