

Melaleuca diosmifolia

Green Honey Myrtle



Melaleuca diosmifolia is a compact growing shrub from the south west corner of Western Australia, and has beautiful green bottlebrush flowers, the stamens tipped with yellow. The leaves are close set and attractive, and the plant grows from 2 to 3 metres tall and wide, and is good for screening and windbreaks. Good for coastal plantings, tolerant of light frost only. Bird attracting.

Melaleuca is representatives of the myrtle family (Myrtaceae). First of all, they are valued in indoor culture for not quite an ordinary appearance. In some species, evergreen leaves resemble needles, the exoticism of the plant is also given by numerous inflorescences resembling delicate bird fluff of various colors. Preference is better given to small-leaved species, such as Melaleuca diosmifolia. This small shrub with small leaves densely arranged in a spiral is also known as green honey myrtle due to the fluffy greenish inflorescences that appear from spring to autumn on short lateral branches. A beautiful form of growth with slightly twisted in a spiral of small leaves has Melaleuca preissiana, in nature this tree is from 1.5 to 10 m, in room conditions – no more than 2 m. White or cream inflorescences appear from spring to autumn. It should be added that melaleuca is easy to cut, their thin twigs can be given any shape, there are species with drooping shoots, they can be successfully grown in the bonsai style. However, on some species, such as Melaleuca decussata and Melaleuca nodosum, or pinealum (Melaleuca nodosa), pruning will affect negatively. An important factor in favor of growing this plant is the undoubted phytoncidal properties. All parts of the plants have a pleasant aroma. No wonder it is a

close relative of eucalyptus, widely known for its medicinal properties, its essential oils have pronounced bactericidal properties. The mere presence of melaleuca in the home will reduce the incidence of colds.

It can be used to relieve muscle soreness and joint pain; support the respiratory system during cold weather by reducing airborne threats; kill household germs; and remove unpleasant room smells. It's reported that Honey Myrtle Oil can also assist with skin problems such as acne, cuts, burns, and minor infections.

