

Tea-tree

Leptospermum minutifolium

What is it?

Leptospermum minutifolium is a rounded, open shrub, up to 2m height with small leaves and shiny white flowers, 1-2cm in diameter occurring in spring and early summer. This genus of plants derives its common name, Tea-tree, from the practice of early settlers using the leaves as a tea substitute. Requiring full-sun, but able to tolerate poor drainage, they respond well to tip pruning after flowering but are prone to infection by scale insects.



Where do they occur?

Leptospermum is distributed throughout Australia, South-east Asia and New Zealand. While it can survive in a variety of habitats and soil types it is most commonly found in wet or periodically wet areas that are acidic and low in nutrient content. *Leptospermum minutifolium* is restricted in distribution to Queensland and New South Wales.

