

# Thyme Honey Myrtle

## *Melaleuca thymifolia*

### What is it?

*Melaleuca thymifolia* is one of the most cultivated members of the genus, and it forms a small shrub rarely exceeding 1m in height. Claw-like flowers occur almost all year round in clusters on older stems, but are primarily more abundant in early summer. The flower colour varies from purple to white, however the most common variation is pink-mauve. The oblong green-blue leaves are aromatic and approximately 1cm in length and new stems have a reddish tinge. The best position for Thyme Honey Myrtle is a sunny, well-drained position, however it will tolerate a less-than-desirable position with reduced flowering.



### Where does it occur?

Occurring naturally in NSW and Queensland, *Melaleuca thymifolia* grows in heath and scrubland, primarily in damp borders, particularly close to swamps.

