



Leptospermum scoparium family MYRTACEAE

A usually compact shrub to 2 m high (often less) by 2 m wide. Leaves are variable in shape and size. They may be elliptical, broadly lanceolate or obovate and from 7 to 20 mm long. White flowers, occasionally tinged with pink and rarely red, 1 cm in diameter, occur in spring and early summer.

Distribution: NSW, Vic, Tas; also found in New Zealand.

Propagation From seed or cuttings. Cultivars must be cutting-grown to retain clonal properties.

Cultivation See [note on genus](#). In New Zealand this species is commonly known as manuka and has been responsible for such popular cultivars as *L. scoparium* 'Lambethii', *L. s.* 'Red Damask', *L. s.* 'Scarlet Carnival', *L. s.* 'Pink Pearl', *L. s.* 'Ballerina' and many others. Australian forms have little to offer other than hardiness in most situations. Cultivars are highly ornamental but very prone to attack by webbing caterpillars.

- Suitable for heavy shade.
- Frost-hardy. (Plants given an this rating will tolerate frosts to -7°C in conditions of normal rainfall.)
- Suitable hedge or screen plants.



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