

To whom it may concern

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Dear Sir/Madam.

Blue Hills Honey has asked me to confirm whether manuka (Leptospermum scoparium) occurs in Tasmania.

Leptospermum scoparium does grow in Tasmania. This is one a number of species that occurs naturally in both Tasmania and New Zealand (Jordan, 2001). It is recognised as being native to Tasmania by the authoritative source- the census of Tasmanian vascular plants (Baker and Duretto, 2011). It is widespread and common in Tasmania and is widely known in Tasmania as manuka (Curtis and Morris, 1975).

Leptospermum scoparium also grows in Victoria, where it is also known as manuka (Walsh and Entwhistle, 1996).

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