

Melaleuca citrina

Botanical Name: *Melaleuca citrina*

Common Name: Bottle Brush

Morphological Characters:

Melaleuca citrina is a shrub growing to 5 metres (20 ft) tall but more usually in the range 1–3 metres (3–10 ft) high and wide. It has hard, fibrous or papery bark and its young growth is usually covered with soft, silky hairs. Its leaves are arranged alternately and are 26–99 millimetres (1–4 in) long, 4–25 millimetres (0.2–1 in) wide, hard, flat, narrow egg-shaped with the narrower end near the base and with a pointed but not sharp end. There are between 7 and 26 branching veins clearly visible on both sides of the leaves and a large number of distinct oil glands visible on both surfaces of the leaves.



Growing Season and Type:

1. Flowering occurs in most months of the year but mainly in November and December.
2. Flowering is followed by fruits which are woody, cup-shaped capsules, 4.4–7 millimetres (0.2–0.3 in) long and about 7 millimetres (0.3 in) wide in cylindrical clusters along the stem. The fruiting capsules remain unopened until the plant, or the part bearing them dies.
3. Melaleucas grow in a range of soil types and many tolerate occasional or even permanent waterlogging. Many are fire tolerant, regenerating from epicormic buds or by coppicing.



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- 1) Flower image of *Melaleuca citrina*
- 2) Leaf image of *Melaleuca citrina*
- 3) Tree image of *Melaleuca citrina*

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