

# Melaleuca diosmifolia

## COMMON NAMES

green honey-myrtle

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Erect shrub to 3 m; branchlets either erect or pendent. Leaves bright shiny green, oval, usually curved; spiralled on young stems. Flowers in striking green 'bottle-brush' heads.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green

## SIMILAR TAXA

When flowering, is unlikely to be mistaken for other *Melaleuca* species.

## DISTRIBUTION

Endemic to the south-west of Western Australia. Recorded as naturalised near Te Ahipara in Northland.

## HABITAT

Coastal, dunes

## GENUS

Melaleuca

## FAMILY

Myrtaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Melaleuca diosmifolia* Andrews

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## FLOWERING

September – November.

## FRUITING

Hard persistent capsules with abundant seed.

## YEAR NATURALISED

2016, though reported from 2014

## ORIGIN

West Australia

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental; wind-breaks; nectar for bees and bird



Planted garden shrubs, 115 Mount View Road, Bastia Hill, Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 14/06/2021, Licence: Public domain.



Flowers of naturalised shrub, Otaipango, Te Aupouri, Northland. Photographer: Peter J de Lange, Date taken: 29/09/2019, Licence: Public domain.

## TOLERANCES

Probably drought and wind-resistant

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Wind dispersal

## PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Seed germinates freely and abundantly.

## COLLECTION INFORMATION

Vouchers in Auckland Museum (AK).

## ETYMOLOGY

**diosmifolia**: Diosma-leaved

## MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

[Key to the Myrtaceae of New Zealand](#)

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/melaleuca-diosmifolia/>

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