

CINNAMON MYRTLE

Backhousia myrtifolia (Family: Myrtaceae)



Description: A shrub or small tree from 3 to 6m, in the garden. In open situations the foliage is very dense right to the ground. The flowers are profuse, with the calyx remaining for some time after the petals have dropped, giving the appearance of a prolonged flowering period. Known for its hardiness in cool conditions it is reasonably frost tolerant but would benefit from a bit of protection during the establishment phase. Regular watering and fertilising will overcome its tendency to slow growth in the early stages.

Uses: The wood is very tough and was used for tool handles, mallets, by early settlers and undoubtedly was used in similar fashion by Aboriginal people for their various implements.

The leaves, when crushed, impart a cinnamon-like fragrance and are being experimented with by some innovative cooks.

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