



Melaleuca cheelii – family: MYRTACEAE

PAPERBARK

Small shrub ± 3 metres

Small white flowers in spring and summer

Cultivation: Prefers moist soils in full sun to part shade; excellent for wet and badly drained areas.

The distribution of this endangered shrub or small paperbark tree in coastal Queensland is quite small – from the Wide Bay area to Burrum Heads. A species of the coastal wallum heathlands



its habitat has been eroded by development and this plant is now classified as rare under the Nature Conversation Act. It grows naturally on deep sands, moist sandy soils and in the coastal heathlands in areas that are often inundated by water. An attractive shrub with its fine dense leaves and

papery bark, it makes an excellent subject for soggy soils. The new foliage is a lovely orangey/pink colour.



Melaleucas provide food for numerous insects and butterflies. The blossoms are also a source of food for bats and bird species. Greater gliders eat the leaves.