

Babingtonia virgata (Heath Myrtle)

Description

An attractive, hardy, mid-sized shrub, with long, weeping foliage. **Previously named *Baeckea virgata*.**

Flower and Foliage

White star-like flowers on the end of the stem occurring in clusters in summer and occasionally in August too. Small, dark green linear leaves.

Maintenance

Feed with a native fertiliser in spring. Prune after flowering to maintain shape and to encourage foliage and flowering.

Occurs

Found in sheltered forests, on creek banks and on drier open sites. Adapts to most soils, avoid water logged soil. Naturally found along the eastern seaboard from Queensland to Victoria.

Uses

As a formal or informal screen, feature shrub or windbreak. A tea can be made from the leaves. Attracts insects and birds with its mass of flowers in summer. Revegetation of natural areas and also as a bonsai.



Drought Tolerant



Frost Tolerant



Full Sun



Part Shade

Width
2-3m



Height
2-3m



Image Source: Left: www.gardenexpress.com.au/product/baeckea-virgata/;

Right: <http://diversitynativeseeds.com.au/species-list-by-image/baeckea-virgata-tall-baekea/>

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