

Peppermint Tree



Scientific name: *Agonis flexuosa*

Aboriginal name: Wonnil (Noongar)



Plant habit



Bark



Flower bud



Flower

About ...

Also called the 'Willow Myrtle', this species is native to the south-west of Western Australia.

This species is highly adaptable to a range of climates and soils. Because of this, it is often planted along verges and in parkland areas. It is a common street tree in many Perth suburbs including Peppermint Grove which is named after the tree.

Its flowers look similar to the native tea tree.

Peppermint Trees are named after the peppermint odour of the leaves when crushed.

Mature trees provide hollows that are used by birds and possums for nesting.

Aboriginal Uses

- Leaves were used for smoking and healing
- Oil used to rub on cuts and sores

Family MYRTACEAE

Climate Temperate

Habitat Coastal and bushland areas close to the coast and lower Swan Estuary in sandy/limestone soils

Form Tree
Fibrous, rough grey bark
Large, gnarled trunk
Height: 10 – 15 m
Width: 6 m

Foliage Weeping foliage
Mid-to-bright green
Long, slender leaves
Evergreen

Flower Kamarang to Bunuru (Spring and Summer)
Sprays of several small white flowers
Width: 1 cm
Flowers have five petals
Insect attracting

