

# ENVIRONMENTAL WEEDS

## AUSTRALIAN SHRUBS AS GARDEN ESCAPES

For over 150 years, Australians predominantly planted exotic species in their gardens, those they were familiar with, often to remind them of "home" back in England.

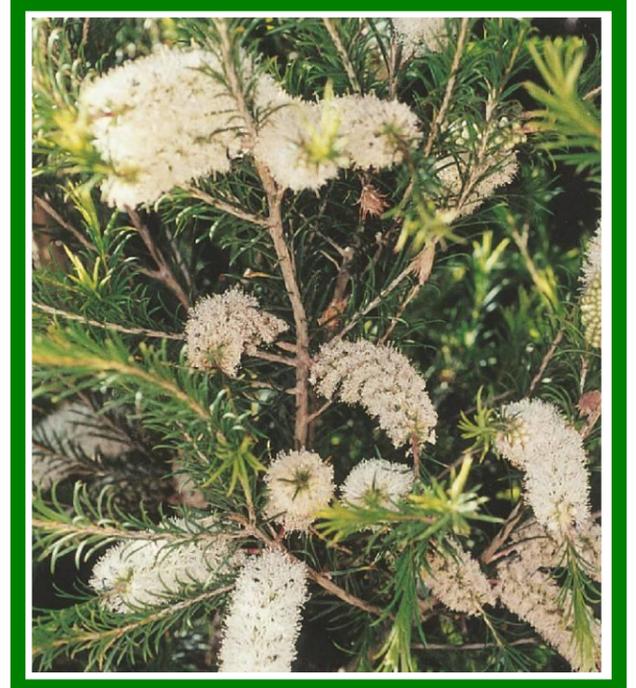
The second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century saw increased interest in Australian natives, but unfortunately some of these, being well-adapted to Australian conditions, have spread beyond their garden fences.

Some can become large, very dense, and smother everything under them. With the current emphasis on water-saving gardens, we must be careful not to repeat these mistakes.

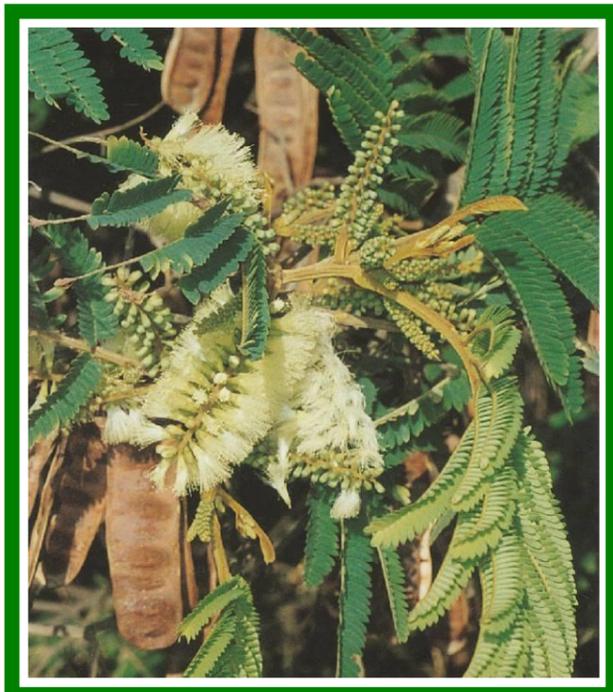
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**SWEET HAKEA**



**GIANT HONEY-MYRTLE**



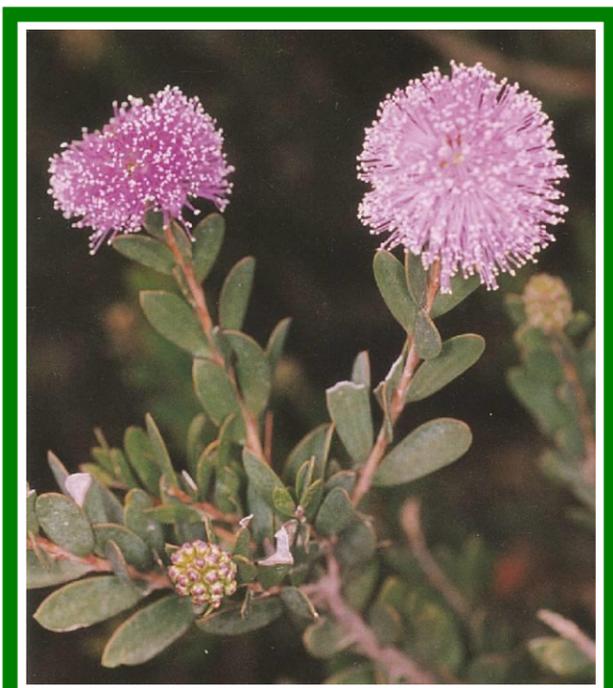
**CAPE WATTLE**



**RED HONEY-MYRTLE**



**GREEN HONEY-MYRTLE**



**MAUVE HONEY-MYRTLE**

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**PINCUSHION HAKEA**



**SWEET PITTOSPORUM**