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Melaleuca decussata

LILAC MELALEUCA is an evergreen shrub. Native to southern Australia it has many pink fading to white flowers with conspicuous bundles of purple stamens.

It is also known as Cajeput, Cross leaved honey myrtle, *Niaouli* (German), and Totem poles.

Decussata is derived from Latin *decusso* (to divide crosswise) meaning ‘paired leaves (one pair at right angles to the next)’.

Local Australian Aboriginal tribes used the shrub’s hard wood for making spears, clubs and digging sticks.