

## Leptospermum species

A group of shrubs to small trees with a wide range of subspecies with varying characteristics and some range of slightly differing tolerances.

### Propagation

**WHEN TO SOW** – In warm areas or greenhouse at any time. In frost prone areas after danger of frost is past. Frost resistant once established.

**WHERE TO SOW** – Grow in full sun in light or medium well drained soils.

**SOWING** – Fill a pot or seed tray to within 2.5cm with moist sandy soil, sow the seeds on surface and compress lightly and cover with light layer of sand. Keep constantly moist and do not allow to dry out. Cover with clear polythene until germination starts. Place in warm shaded position to germinate – 2 - 3 weeks.

**CULTIVATION** – Pot out individually when large enough to handle and plant out at 3 inches (7.5 cm). Water in well and regularly until established and the weekly in dry weather. Apply light applications of slow release organic fertiliser in Spring. Protect from slugs and snails.

