

Comparison of Similar Looking Plants

Baeckea frutescens and *Leptospermum madidum* ssp. *sativum*



Scientific name:
Baeckea frutescens

Common name: Weeping Coast Myrtle

Family name: Myrtaceae

Origin: S.E. China to E. Australia



Scientific name:
Leptospermum madidum ssp. *sativum*

Common name: Weeping Tea Tree

Family name: Myrtaceae

Origin: Northern Territory of Australia

Character comparison

Form

Baeckea frutescens

- Small tree up to 6 m tall
- Branches upright, then drooping



Leptospermum madidum *ssp. sativum*

- Small tree up to 9 m tall
- Branches long and pendulous



Foliage

- Needle-like
- 5 – 15 mm long
- Opposite arrangement, clustered on short axillary shoots



- Narrowly-linear
- 5 – 7 cm long
- Alternate arrangement



Character comparison

	<i>Baeckea frutescens</i>	<i>Leptospermum madidum</i> <i>ssp. sativum</i>
Flower	Borne solitary on leaf axils 	Inflorescence 3 or more flowered on leaf axils or shoot terminals 
Fruit	About 2 mm in diameter 	About 3 mm in diameter 

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Character comparison

	<i>Baeckea frutescens</i>	<i>Leptospermum madidum</i> <i>ssp. sativum</i>
Trunk	- Brown - Fissured 	- Outer bark light-brown; inner bark brownish-pink, aging to creamy-white upon contacting with air - Peeling in thin strips 

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