Melaleuca rhaphiophylla

Commonly: Swamp Paperbark

Vascular Plant Family: Myrtaceae Flowers spring and early summer

Melaleuca rhaphiophylla is tree to 10m with white papery bark. It is found on the edges of the 40m

wetland at Peppermint Grove Beach.





The papery bark peels off in strips.

The leaves are scattered and needle-like up to 40mm long and 1mm wide.



The flower spikes are terminal and the flowers are white to cream.

The fruiting spike is cylindrical with the individual barrel-shaped fruits up to 5mm wide. They are 3-celled.



The inflorescence consists of several terminal branches. The flowering stem is 3-winged, the wings elongating into leaf-like structures up to 50mm long.

Refer also to Peppy Plants article <u>Melaleuca</u> <u>rhaphiophylla</u>