

# Native Lasiandra

*Melastoma malabathricum subsp. malabathricum*

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Category: Shrubs (under 5m)

Height: 1 to 3 metres

Spread: 1 to 2 metres



Full sun to part shade



Keep moist



Well-drained soil



Host plant of the Wattle Blue butterfly



Traditional use plant

**The interesting rough-textured foliage of this flowering shrub pales in comparison to its spectacular flowers and tasty fruit.**

A colourful shrub suitable for low screening, as an accent or filler plant. Large pinkish purple flowers produced throughout the year are lightly perfumed and followed by a sweet edible fruit that is consumed raw. The fruit stains the tongue dark blue to black.

A wonderful plant for butterflies and fruit-eating birds.



**HOT TIP:** Regular tip pruning will encourage dense growth