

Calypttranthes pallens

(Spicewood)

The upright shrub or small tree gets its name 'Spicewood' because of the spicy fragrance. The green, glossy leaves are pinkish red when young. The flowers, white to beige in color, bloom in the spring and summer and have a pleasant fragrance. The fruits also change in color from green to orange, red, yellow and finally black. Birds are attracted by the tree and the fruits, and smaller birds even use the tree as a cover.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation:	kal-lip-TRANTH-eez PAL-lenz
Plant Type:	Tree, Shrub
Origin:	North America
Heat Zones:	8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Hardiness Zones:	10, 11
Uses:	Screen, Hedge, Specimen
Size/Shape	
Growth Rate:	Moderate
Tree Shape:	oval
Canopy Symmetry:	Symmetrical
Canopy Density:	Medium
Canopy Texture:	Medium
Height at Maturity:	3 to 5 m
Spread at Maturity:	1.5 to 3 meters

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Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Scent:

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked, Can be trained to one trunk

Fruit

Fruit Type: Dry

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 7 - 10, 10 - 20

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Alkaline

Water Requirements: High

Light Requirements: Full, Part, Shade

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting
