

## Melastoma lepidota - Plant



Malabar Melastome, Indian-rhododendron

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**Price**

1184567

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### Description

Melastoma is a genus in the family Melastomataceae. It has about 50 species distributed around Southeast Asia, India, and Australia. It is undergoing taxonomic revision

**Common name:** Malabar Melastome, Indian-rhododendron

**Color:** Red

**Bloom time:** May to June

**Height:** 2.00 to 3.00 feet

**Difficulty level:** easy to grow

### Planting & Care

Plants do not thrive in Zones 9 to 10 without a period of refrigeration; they need a cold, dormant period. Select a site with soil that drains well.

How can you tell? After a good rain, find a spot that is the first to dry out. Water trapped beneath the scales may rot the bulb, so a well-drained site is essential.

**Sunlight:** Part shade

**Soil:** well-drained soil

**Water:** Medium

**Temperature:** 35oC

**Fertilizer:** Apply any organic fertilizer

**Care:**

- Diligently water your plants.
- Soak the entire root zone at least twice a week in dry summer weather.
- Avoid frequent shallow sprinklings, which won't reach the deeper roots and may encourage fungus.
- Plants do best with 90 inches of rain per year, so unless you live in a rain forest, water regularly.

**Special Feature:**

Where winter hardy, grow in mass, in groups or as specimens in shrub borders, mixed borders, woodland gardens and shade gardens. In St. Louis, site this shrub in protected locations, including along walls and foundations that face south.

Use

**Medicinal use:**

- In Tahiti, M.
- malabathricum is used to treat diarrhea and dysentery with its bark decoction used as gargle [9].
- The Naga tribe of Manipur district, India, used the fresh and dry leaves of M.
- malabathricum to treat cuts and wounds, stomach disorder, and fever [15].
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**Ornamental use:**

- The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

**Note:**

for medicinal use

**Reference:**

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/> <http://www.flowersofindia.net/>

**Reviews**

There are yet no reviews for this product.