

Fire tree* (*Myrica faya*)



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* Also known as **Candle-berry myrtle**

Fire Tree is an evergreen shrub or small tree, usually 4 - 5 m tall, that can tolerate a wide range of habitats and soil types.

The stems are covered in hairs and its leaves are dark green, shiny, smooth and aromatic, alternating along the stem. Flowers, in hanging clusters, produce small, prolific, edible fruit that turn red to purple as they ripen over summer.

Birds eat the fruit and disperse seeds into new areas.

This species currently grows wild only on the Chatham Islands, but is widely grown in gardens elsewhere. Any sightings of new infestations in the wild should be reported to your Regional Council immediately.