



Kanuka

(*Kunzea ericoides*)

Sub
Canopy
15M



Description:

- Often compared to the smaller manuka, kanuka prefers drier sites and is intolerant of truly wet soils
- The leaves are soft to the touch
- Kanuka trees last much longer than the average 60 years of manuka

Flowers & Seeds:

- The flowers are again white but smaller than manuka
- They occur later in the season- November to January
- The seed capsules are similar to small cloves and not held onto the tree like manuka
- The seed itself is small enough to look more like dust

Pests/Diseases:

- Sooty mould occurs on kanuka but not to the same extent as manuka.

Uses:

- The wood is extremely hard and was used for tools. It can be machined
- The brush provided shelter from wind and rain
- Kanuka is also used for honey production