

2014 TREES OF THE YEAR



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Heteropyxis canescens

Family: Heteropyxidaceae.

Common names: forest lavender tree (E); boslaventelboom (A).

5–15 m tree with greyish brown, flaking bark and high branching stem. Grey hairs on young branches. Leaves alternate, elliptic to narrowly elliptic, margins smooth, rolled under, glossy green above, paler and hairy below, and aromatic when crushed. Small off white, yellowish green flowers in dense, branched heads. Fruit roundish, dry capsule, $\pm 3 \times 3$ mm, pale brown. Flowers from Dec. to Jan. Easily grown from seed. Grows best in well-



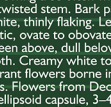
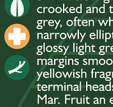
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Heteropyxis dehniae

Family: Heteropyxidaceae.

Common names: large-leaved lavender tree (E); grootblaarlaventelboom (A).

5–7 m slow growing tree often with crooked and twisted stem. Bark pale grey, often white, thinly flaking. Leaves narrowly elliptic, ovate to obovate, glossy light green above, dull below, margins smooth. Creamy white to yellowish fragrant flowers borne in terminal heads. Flowers from Dec. to Mar. Fruit an ellipsoid capsule, 3–4 x 2.0–2.5 mm, gland-dotted. Easily grown from seed.



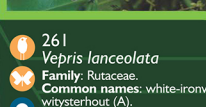
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Heteropyxis natalensis

Family: Heteropyxidaceae.

Common names: lavender tree (E); laventelboom (A).

Up to 10 m tree with single, crooked stem. Pale, greyish white bark, flaking on old stems. Glossy leaves alternate, drooping, $\pm$ lanceolate, narrow to long tip and base, lavender-scented when crushed. Young leaves tinged red. Tiny, cream-yellow, fragrant flowers borne in terminal panicles on branches. Flowers from Dec. to Mar. Fruit small, shiny brown, oval capsules, borne in dense clusters and seeds winged. Easily grown from seed. Good container and ornamental tree.



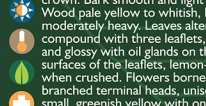
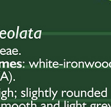
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Vepris lanceolata

Family: Rutaceae.

Common names: white-ironwood (E); witysterhout (A).

Up to 30 m high; slightly rounded crown. Bark smooth and light grey. Wood pale yellow to whitish, hard, moderately heavy. Leaves alternate, compound with three leaflets, leathery and glossy with oil glands on the surfaces of the leaflets, lemon-scented when crushed. Flowers borne in branched terminal heads, unisexual, small, greenish yellow with only four petals. Flowers from Nov. to Mar. Decorative garden plant best propagated from seeds.



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