

## TEA TREE ESSENTIAL OIL (*Melaleuca alternifolia*)

**Botanical Name:** Melaleuca Alternifolia,

**Botanical Family:** Myrtaceae.

**Origin:** Australia.

**Extraction Method:** Tea Tree oil is extracted from the leaves and twigs of the Tea Tree by steam distillation.

**Plant Description:** A small tree growing on to about twenty three feet, the Tea Tree has small soft narrow leaves and cream showy bottle brush like flowers. They produce small, closely set woody capsules on the branches.

**Color:** Clear and colorless to pale yellow.

**Consistency:** Thin.

**Aromatic Fragrance:** Warm, fresh and clean, smells firm and spicy, characteristically nutmeg like, a soft masculine scent.

**Common Applications:** The use of Tea Tree Essential Oil encourages a very powerful resistance to infections and strengthens the immune system.

**Principal Constituents:** Terpenes, Cineol, Sesquiterpenes, Sesquiterpenic Alcohols. Actions Anti-biotic, Anti-inflammatory, Antipyretic Anti-Septic, Anti-Viral, Bactericidal, Balsamic, Cicatrisant, Cordial, Expectorant, Fungicidal, Insecticidal, Parasiticidal, Stimulant, Sudorific, Vulnerary. Physical Health Benefits Tea tree works well in Burn treatments, gynecological conditions. This Essential Oil can also help with skin ailments, ear, throat and mouth infections.

### **Therapeutic & Emotional Benefits:**

Tea Tree is particularly used for its strong immune system stimulating properties as well as its strong bactericidal effects.