

Muntries

Kunzea pomifera · Myrtle family, native to Australia

DIFFICULTY Easy

TYPE Perennial groundcover shrub, native to Australia

MATURITY 2–3 years to good production



SUN
Full sun



WATER
Low, drought-tolerant once established



SOIL PH
6.0–7.5



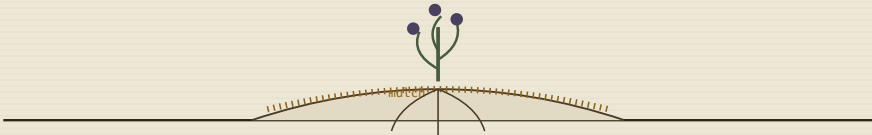
SPACING
1–1.5m



DEPTH
as per pot

01 A tough native groundcover

Native to coastal South Australia, muntries is a sprawling, drought-tolerant groundcover that produces small apple-flavoured berries — well suited to a low-water homestead planting.



mulched bed, shallow roots

02 Planting

METHOD	Plant from a nursery pot.
SOIL	Free-draining, tolerates poor, sandy soil well.
TIMING	Plant in spring or autumn.

04 Problems

- **Very few pests** — a hardy, trouble-free native.
- **Waterlogging** — the main risk; ensure sharp drainage.
- **Bird competition for fruit** — net if you want the full harvest.
- **Slow establishment** — be patient in the first year or two.

06 Companions & rotation

PLANT NEARBY

Other native groundcovers

AVOID NEARBY

Poorly drained, wet spots

ROTATION NOTE

Not applicable — long-lived perennial groundcover.

03 Growing care

- Water while establishing, then rely mostly on rainfall.
- Trim lightly to keep a tidy, productive groundcover shape.
- Feed minimally — this native does well in lean soil.
- Let it sprawl — it's a natural groundcover habit.

05 Harvest & storage

SIGNS	Berries turn from green to a bronze-red colour and soften slightly.
METHOD	Pick by hand once coloured and soft.
CURING	None needed.
STORAGE	Fridge a few days; dries and freezes well.