

# Lilly Pilly

Scientific name: *Syzygium australe*

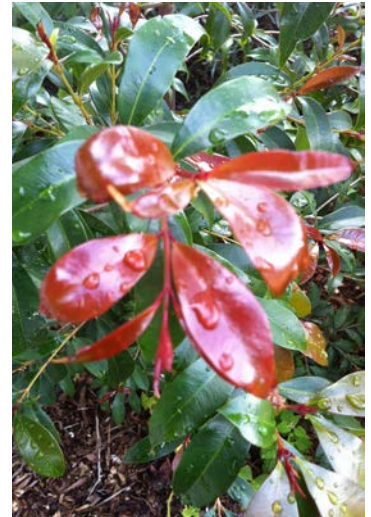
Aboriginal name: Galang-arra (NSW)



Plant habit



Fruit



New leaf growth

## About ...

This Lilly Pilly, also known as the Brush Cherry, is native to eastern Australia. There are 52 species of lilly pilly in Australia and they all have edible fruit.

It is a hardy tree growing in most temperate and subtropical climates in most states of Australia. It grows well in sandy soils however, prefers rich, moist soils. They are moderately frost tolerant and grow well on the coast.

Lilly pillies were one of the first native fruits that the European settlers ate. The ripe fruits contain large amounts of vitamin C.

## Aboriginal Uses

- They have succulent fruits with a tangy, acidic flavour
- Indigenous people ate the ripe fruit raw
- European settlers made the fruit into jam, jelly, sauces, preserves and wine

## Family

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## Climate

Subtropical to temperate

## Habitat

Coast regions, rainforests, along creeks southern NSW to central Queensland

## Form

Bushy shrub or small tree  
Flaky bark  
Height: 3 – 10 m  
Width: 2 – 3 m

## Foliage

Glossy, deep green  
Oval in shape  
Leaves grow in pairs on opposite sides of the stem  
New growth is red in colour

## Flower

Mostly Djilba to Kambarang (Spring)  
White petals about 4 – 6 mm long  
Open to white stamens about 15 – 20 mm long

## Fruit

Follows flowers  
Pinky-red oval shaped  
Length: 10 – 20 mm  
Contains a seed

Developed by SERCUL for use with the *Bush Tucker Education Program*.



Used as food



Used as medicine



Used as resources



Local to SW WA

**Caution:** Do not prepare bush tucker food without having been shown by Indigenous or experienced persons. Some bush tucker if eaten in large quantities or not prepared correctly can cause illness.

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