

SPECIES

Acmena smithii

COMMON NAME

Lilly Pilly

ORIGIN

Victoria to Northern Queensland, Australia

DESIGN USE

Streetscapes, avenues, and screening



HEIGHT

8-10m

SPRFAD

6m

HABIT

An excellent large evergreen bush or small tree.

FORM

Upright-oval tree, maintaining its lower branches.

FLOWERS

Fragrant white flowers

FLOWERING PERIOD

Spring and Summer

FRUIT

Mass fruitings in early winter of 1/2 inch mauve, pink or white edible berries that attract many birds.

VARIATIONS

"Minor" (3 - 3.5m high)

"Hot Flush" (moderate growth habit and reddish new growth)

"Hedgemaster" (low growing form to about 1 - 1.5m)

"Red Tip" (6m high and flushes of burgundy new growth)

BARK / TRUNK

A small to tall tree up to 15m, often multi trunked. The trunk is generally a rich red brown in colour with a fine rough bubbly texture.

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Semi hardy and should be protected on coldest nights. Adapts to a range of climates from tropical to temperate. The species is resistant to at least moderate frosts and tolerates extended dry periods once established, although it will have a better appearance if adequate water is available.

HORTICULTURE

Lilly Pilly requires relatively moist soils for rapid growth and healthy appearance over summer. It will grow in full sun or fairly heavy shade. In an open position it usually retains foliage to near ground level.

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