

***Alocasia brisbanensis* Cunjevoi ARACEAE**



**Typical height:** 1 – 2m      **Spread:** 1 – 2m

**Climate:** Tropical, subtropical, temperate.

**Light conditions:** Full shade, part shade.

**Growth habit:** A large lily-like herb, reaching heights to 2m.

**Growing conditions:** Endemic to Australia, occurs from north-east Queensland down to central east New South Wales as an understory plant in rainforest at an altitudinal range of 0-1,000m. A rainforest plant that is favoured by disturbance. Prefers very wet soils and soils with poor drainage.

**Flowers:** Fragrant, Aug – Jan.      **Fruit:** Oct – Mar.

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**Other:** The fruit is a food source for Cassowaries, Spotted Catbirds, Lewin's Honeyeaters and Victoria's Riflebirds. Though sweet smelling and juicy, the fruit is highly toxic to humans, and all parts of the plant are poisonous.

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