

***Syzygium luehmannii* Cherry Satinash, Riberry MYRTACEAE**



**Typical height:** 5-10m (>30m)

**Spread:**

**Climate:** Tropical, sub-tropical.

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

**Growth habit:** Shrub to tree with dense crown and weeping foliage. Fast growing at around 2m per year. Pink new growth occurs twice a year. Buttressed.

**Growing conditions:** Endemic to Australia, occurs in North East Queensland, Central East Queensland, and extends south into north-eastern New South Wales. Grows in well-developed rainforest and wet sclerophyll forest at an altitudinal range of 0-1,500m. Hardy, and tolerant of a variety of soils.

**Flowers:** Fragrant, Oct – Feb.    **Fruit:** Nov – Mar.

**References:** Cooper W., Cooper W.T. (2004) **Fruits of the Australian Tropical Rainforest.** Nicholson, N. & H. (1990) **Australian Rainforest Plants.** Image Credit: Hansen, V.

**Other:** A very attractive species. Suitable as a fast-growing screening plant. The fruit is a food source for Cassowaries and Metallic Starlings. The fruit is used in cosmetics and hair conditioners for its antioxidant and astringent values.

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