



# Fact Sheet

## LILLY PILLYS:

Lilly Pillys are a very versatile group of plants. They are excellent for screening and hedging and most can be grown in pots. Lilly Pillys are generally quite variable in their growth rate and height and the depth and condition of the soil will often determine the ultimate size of the plant.

**Soil Requirements:** Lilly Pillys grow best in soil with organic matter added to retain moisture and nutrient. The soil must drain well as Lilly Pillys will die if they become waterlogged.

**Positioning:** Most Lilly Pillys will grow in full sun to part shade.

**Maintenance:** Lilly Pillys love to be trimmed. Most varieties are able to be maintained at a level much lower than their optimum height. Trimming encourages new growth which makes a denser, lushier plant. Fertilise in Autumn and again in Spring with a general purpose fertiliser like Blood & Bone. Ideally, keep them well watered through the hotter months.

**Pests:** Lilly Pillys are generally pest and disease resistant. Common pests that occur are *Psyllid* and *Scale*:

- **Psyllid** - this small insect gets into the leaf and produces tiny "bubbles" creating distortion in the new growth. If it appears, cut off the affected areas and place in the rubbish bin. You can spray with a systemic pesticide, but improving the overall health of the plant with water and fertiliser is often enough. *Acmenas* do not get this pest.
- **Scale** - is a tiny waxy or flat insect which sucks the sap of the plant. It does not damage the plant but does leave behind a sticky residue that attracts ants and sooty mould. Use pest oil or manually remove the insects.

| BOTANICAL NAME  | COMMON NAME             | HEIGHT   | COMMENTS                         |
|---|-------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| <i>Acmena</i> 'Allyn Magic'                                 | Allyn Magic             | 0.3 - 1m | Compact                          |
| <i>Acmena smithii</i> var. <i>minor</i> - 'Cherry Surprise' | Cherry Surprise         | 2 - 5m   | Red new growth                   |
| <i>Acmena smithii</i> var. <i>minor</i> - 'Sunrise'         | Sunrise                 | 2 - 5m   | Pinky orange new growth          |
| <i>Acmena smithii</i>                                       | Lilly Pilly             | 8 - 12m  | Prolific fruit                   |
| <i>Acmena</i> 'Hot Flush'                                   | Hot Flush               | 2 - 3m   | Compact habit                    |
| <i>Syzygium australe</i> 'Select'                           | Select                  | 3 - 6m   | Coppery new growth               |
| <i>Syzygium australe</i> 'Resilience'                       | Resilience              | 5-6m     | Fast growing, coppery new growth |
| <i>Syzygium luehmannii</i>                                  | Riberry or Cherry Alder | 7 - 12m  | Spectacular pink                 |
| <i>Syzygium</i> 'Aussie Southern'                           | Aussie Southern         | 3 - 6m   | Lime green leaf                  |
| <i>Syzygium paniculatum</i> dwarf 'Elite'                   | Elite                   | 3 - 6m   | Columnar habit                   |
| <i>Syzygium</i> 'Cascade'                                   | Cascade                 | 2 - 3m   | Weeping habit                    |
| <i>Syzygium</i> 'Tiny Trev'                                 | Tiny Trev               | 0.4 - 1m | Native box                       |
| <i>Waterhousia floribunda</i>                               | Weeping Lilly Pilly     | 8 - 12m  | Dense shade tree                 |

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