

Tuckeroo

Cupaniopsis anacardiodes



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Description

Typical height:
6-8 metres

Typical width:
8-10 metres

Growth rate:
Moderate to fast

Typical form:
Broad-domed

Origin

Coastal rainforest and scrubs of NSW, QLD and NT. New Guinea.

Characteristics

Leaves have compound leaflets (5-11), leathery in texture, glossy. Bark is smooth, thin, light grey to grey. Flowers are small, greenish-white blossoms in autumn to winter. Fruit capsule roundish, thick valves and black seeds, develops green, maturing yellowish orange to red that drops in the spring to summer.

Tolerances

High drought and waterlogging tolerance.

Facts and Trivia

Widely planted in streets of Los Angeles. Fruits attract a variety of birds including Olive-backed oriole and pied currawong. Cupaniopsis is a 'polygamous' genus, meaning unisexual and bisexual flowers are held on the same tree. This can mean that some trees do not bear the attractive fruits that follow the flowers in spring through summer.