

***Syzygium smithii* Lillypilly Satinash MYRTACEAE**



**Typical height:** 12m (> 20m)

**Spread:**

**Climate:** Tropical, subtropical.

**Light conditions:** Part Shade

**Growth habit:** Bushy shrub to small tree with red to dark pink new growth.

**Growing conditions:** Occurs in rainforest and wet sclerophyll forest at altitude 0 - 1300m. In tropical climates often found as a rheophyte growing along watercourses.

**Flowers:** Oct - Apr    **Fruit:** Edible, Mar – Dec.

**Other:** The fruit is a food source for the flying fox and a variety of birds including the Southern Cassowary. Supports the life cycle of a variety of butterflies and moths. Suitable as a hedging or screening plant. Species has naturalised in a variety of sites throughout eastern Australia. Previously known as *Acmena smithii*.

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