

***Barringtonia calyptrata* Cassowary Pine, Mango Pine LECYTHIDACEAE**



**Typical height:** 5-7m (>30m) **Spread:** 2-4m

**Climate:** Tropical

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

**Growth habit:** Usually a small open tree with a rounded canopy. May be buttressed. Deciduous for a period during August or September (especially in drier areas) with the leaves turning red prior to dropping, followed by an attractive display of new leaf growth along with an abundance of flowers.

**Growing conditions:** Occurs in Cape York Peninsula and North East Queensland in well-developed lowland rainforest and beach forest at an altitudinal range of 0m - 200m. Hardy, tolerating both wet and dry conditions.

**Flowers:** Fragrant, July – Feb. **Fruit** Dec – Jan.

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**Other:** The fruit is a food source for Cassowaries. The flower nectar attracts Lorikeets, insects and bats. A showy plant, producing a prolific display of long pendulous flowers. Hardy, suitable for use as a screening or windbreak plant. In aboriginal medicine the leaves can be used to treat fever and chest pain. This species has been used as a fish poison.

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