

***Syzygium oleosum* Blue Lillypilly MYRTACEAE**



**Typical height:** 10m      **Spread:**

**Climate:** Tropical to temperate.

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

**Growth habit:** A small fast-growing tree. Flower and fruiting times may be irregular, and on occasion profuse.

**Growing conditions:** Occurs in North East Queensland, Central East Queensland, and as far south as the coastal areas of central New South Wales at altitude 0-1,320m in rainforest, wet sclerophyll forest, and open forest. Adaptable to a variety of sites and soils where moisture is ensured.

**Flowers:** Nov – Aug. Fragrant. **Fruit:** Anytime throughout the year. Purple. Edible.

**References:** Cooper W., Cooper W.T. (2004) **Fruits of the Australian Tropical Rainforest.** N & H Nicholson (1991) **Australian Rainforest Plants III.** Melzer R., Plumb J., Zich F.A., Hyland B.P.M., Whiffin T., Kerrigan R.A. (2020) **Australian Tropical Rainforest Plants, Edition 8.** <https://apps.lucidcentral.org/rainforest/>. Accessed 01/01/2024. **Photo Credit:** Hansen, V.

**Other:** A showy plant. The fruit is delectable with a crisp and juicy flesh. Leaves omit a strong lemon like aroma when crushed. The fruit attracts the White-headed Pidgeon.

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