

***Syzygium tierneyanum* River Cherry, Bamaga Satinash MYRTACEAE**



Typical height: 10 – 12m (<25m) **Spread:** Wide canopy.

Climate: Tropical

Light conditions: Part shade, full sun.

Growth habit: Fast growing, developing a wide spreading canopy. Weeping branches. Often producing a flush of copper/red new growth leaves. May be buttressed. Frost hardy.

Growing conditions: Occurs in Cape York Peninsula and North East Queensland at altitude 0 - 460m. Usually found in rainforest and gallery forest along creeks and watercourses. Adaptable to flooding and strong currents.

Flowers: Oct-Feb **Fruit:** Jan-May.

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Other: A large shade tree, requiring plenty of water and tolerant of poor soils. A suitable species to plant to address stream bank erosion. The flowers attract butterflies and honeyeaters. The fruit is a food source for the Cassowary.

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