



SPECIES	<i>Syzygium francisii</i>
COMMON NAME	Francis's Water Gum, Giant Water Gum, Rose Satinash or Francis Water Gum
ORIGIN	Australia
DESIGN USE	Larger screen, or topiaries



HEIGHT

Occasionally reaching 45m in height and a 1.5m in trunk diameter

SPREAD

6m

HABIT

Medium to large size tree with rounded canopy shape and stem large erect habit.

FORM

The bark is a scaly reddish light brown, with depressions caused by the shedding of scales of bark. Prominent buttresses form at the base. The tree's crown appears dark and dense. The leaves are opposite, simple, entire, 4 to 8 cm long drawn out into a long point at the tip. The leaf margin is often wavy, new growth pinkish.



FLOWERS

White

FLOWERING PERIOD

September to December

FRUIT

The fruit matures from January to April, being a flattened berry, a common shape of many *Syzygium*, the colour is a pale blue, lilac to purple. The flesh is dry and unpalatable to taste.



BARK / TRUNK

150 cm in trunk diameter. The bark is a scaly reddish light brown, with depressions caused by the shedding of scales of bark. Prominent buttresses form at the base.

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Medium drought tolerance; low frost tolerance

HORTICULTURE

Seed germination is relatively easy and quick, commencing at 20 days. Soaking of the seeds is recommended to drown insect larvae. Fruit are eaten by many types of rainforest birds.

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