



Syzygium francisii - family: MYRTACEAE

FRANCIS' WATER GUM — GIANT WATER GUM

Medium rainforest tree 10 - 25 metres

Small white flowers in summer

Ornamental purple edible fruit in large numbers Jan – March

Cultivation: Tolerates full sun and light frost. Young leaves are brilliant red or pink and make this a superb container plant.



Mature specimens are amongst the most majestic of the rainforest canopy trees, reaching over 40m with massive buttressed trunks; regrowth trees are commonly seen along water-courses. The tree occurs in subtropical rainforest on red or brown volcanic soils from the mid-north coast of NSW to the lower-central coast of Qld. Its beautiful glossy green leaves change from lime green through to brilliant red, pink and purple shades making it an outstanding ornamental garden specimen or a superb container plant. It can be pruned to keep the bright, dense foliage low and visible and, even when unpruned, still makes an outstanding screen tree or windbreak. The small white flowers appear in panicles from November to December and are followed by the bright purple ornamental fruit which, although edible, resemble the texture of a very floury apple.



The fruit, along with the flowers, attract birdlife.