



*Alectryon subcinereus* – family: *SAPINDACEAE*

## BIRD'S- EYE ALECTRYON – WILD QUINCE

Small spreading rainforest tree  $\pm$  6m

Small reddish flowers Oct – Dec, followed by green fruits which open to reveal startling red and black seeds

**Cultivation:** Adaptable but best in part-shade to shaded position with ample water.

This shrub or small spreading tree can grow to 15m in its natural habitat of subtropical and dry rainforest throughout Queensland and NSW. It often retains its lower



branches, so is useful for screens or windbreaks. *Alectryon* is from the Greek "*alektruôn*", a cock, possibly because of the comb-like crest on the fruit of the original species in the genus.

The small pinkish flowers are followed by green fruits which open to reveal startling red and black seeds. These are very appealing to birds which spread the seeds after eating the red aril. The tree hosts the caterpillars of *Netrocoryne repanda* (Eastern Flat Butterfly).

