

Botanical Name: Omalanthus populifolius

Common Name: Bleeding heart, Queensland poplar

Type of Plant: dicot; tree Family Euphorbiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape shrubby tree, often rounded and dense with mult-colored,
ovate to triangular leaves; semi-evergreen in mild climates

Height to 15 ft. Spread to 15 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers a rich, well-drained soil - tolerates most

Hardiness tender (Zones 21-24)

Morphology:

Leaves ovate to deltoid, to 6" long; leaves occur in many colors
(red, orange, yellow) milky sap is produced on broken stems

Flowers narrow racemes of yellow flowers, 2" to 4" long, arching
upwards at the ends of branches; March - May

Fruit 3/8" round green capsules; birds often spread seed

Propagation: seed, semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: for interesting foliage and form; appreciated for multi-
colored, heart-shaped leaves and round dense structure

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular watering; not drought tolerant

Fertilizing none

Pruning thin and head up to encourage tree-like form

Pests/Diseases none

Other branches are brittle; control size

Origin: Southern Asia to Australia