

Botanical Name: Araucaria bidwillii

Common Name: Bunya-bunya

Type of Plant: conifer: tree Family Araucariaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape A tall, mostly single-trunked evergreen tree with open, stiff
branching in youth; forms a densely-branched oval canopy with age

Height 40 - 60' (80') Spread 1/4 - 1/3 Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor prefers full sun; tolerates some shade in inland locations

Soil thrives in many soil types; prefers well-draining deep loam

Hardiness hardy (Zones 7-9, 12-24); best suited to mild, humid climates

Morphology:

Leaves young growth leaves are triangular, sharp-tipped, bright glossy
green, 2-ranked on stem; mature growth leaves are oval, alternate, 1-2" long

Flowers none; female cones small, round

Fruit female cone large, oval to rounded, 8-10" long - spiny tipped

Propagation: seed

Usage: mainly used as a background vertical accent for its striking sil-
houette of stiff branches and unusual-looking foliage; for large-area parks or
estate-sized gardens; suitable for woodlands theme projects

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular; can tolerate some drought after established

Fertilizing balanced (in spring) until well established; little needed after

Pruning little required; selectively head back errant growth as needed

Pests/Diseases relatively free; check for scale and mealybug in shaded areas

Other avoid sitting under older trees - heavy cones may fall, cause injury

Origin: humid forest regions of eastern Australia