

Botanical Name: Lophostemon confertus

Common Name: Brisbane Box

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, mostly single-trunked tree, having a narrow oval (young) to rounded (mature) canopy; plant closely resembles species of Eucalyptus

Height 30-60' (100') Spread 1/2 - 3/4 Growth Rate mod-rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial or full sun

Soil tolerates most except wet poorly-drained clay soils

Hardiness some frost (zones 19-24) prefers mild coastal habitats

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, whorled, ovate-lanceolate; 3-6" long, located mostly at the ends of branches; blades are leathery, bright green

Flowers white, many-stamened, 3/4" diameter, 3-7 are grouped in terminal or axillary clusters

Fruit a capsule: 1/2" diameter, woody urn-shaped

Propagation: seed

Usage: widely used as a vertical accent for its foliage, form, and reddish bark; street tree

Landscape Care:

Watering regular (becomes drought tolerant when established); commonly becomes chlorotic in heavily irrigated locations

Fertilizing a balanced fertilizer, in spring-supply iron for chlorosis

Pruning prune to shape; remove dead wood as needed

Pests/Diseases relatively free (some aphids in spring)

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae