

Botanical Name: Brachychiton populneus

Common Name: Bottle Tree, Kurrajong Bottle Tree

Type of Plant: dicot:tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, single-trunked plant, with fairly short side  
branches, giving the tree a pyramidal-oval shape in youth; canopy slowly widens  
with age and the base of tree swells ("bottle-shaped"); young branches are  
green, smooth  
Height 30'-50' (60') Spread 1/2 - 2/3 Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred, tolerates partial sun inland  
Soil well-draining soils; avoid poorly drained clay soils  
Hardiness some frost (zones 12-24): prefers warm coastal habitats

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, ovate-lanceolate; 1 1/2"-3" long;  
margins entire or irregularly 3-5 lobed; glossy; petioles 1"-2" long  
Flowers yellowish-white, bell-shaped, often red-blotched inside;  
1/2" across, lack petals; borne in axillary panicles; summer  
Fruit a follicle: 1 1/2"-3" long, dark brown-black at maturity

Propagation: seed

Usage: an attractive vertical accent tree for its form and  
foliage; clumps, slopes, street tree; leaves tend to 'flutter' in the wind

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; avoid heavy watering  
Fertilizing little is needed after established  
Pruning very little is required; remove the lowest branches if  
access under the canopy is desired  
Pests/Diseases relatively free  
Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Sterculiaceae