

Botanical Name: Syzygium paniculatum (Eugenia myrtifolia)

Common Name: Australian brush cherry

Type of Plant: dicot: tree/shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, mostly single-trunked plant, with ascending-spreading branches forming a fairly dense oval canopy; plant can be easily trained into a variety of shapes

Height 10-25' (60') Spread 1/2 - 2/3 Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil tolerates most; prefers well-draining locations

Hardiness tender (zones 16,17,19-24); requires mild coastal climate

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, elliptic-oval; 1"-2-1/2" long, dark green, tinged with red when young, glossy; petioles are 1/8" long

Flowers cream-colored, with numerous stamens; flowers are borne in mostly terminal panicles; spring - early summer

Fruit a berry: oval shaped, 1/2"-3/4" long; rose-violet or reddish

Propagation: seed, semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: suitable for use as topiary, vertical column, background hedge or screen; plant is valued mainly for glossy foliage; fruit is ornamental

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; becomes drought tolerant when established

Fertilizing balanced, in spring; check for chlorosis in wet adobe soils

Pruning to shape desired; can be sheared

Pests/Diseases Eugenia psyllid

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Myrtaceae