



Botanical name:

*Cupaniopsis anacardioides*

Common name:

Tuckeroo, Carrotwood

Origin:

Australia, Indonesia and New Guinea. The usual habitat is littoral rainforest on sand or near estuaries.

Typical height:

7-12 metres

Typical width:

8-10 metres

Growth rate:

Moderate to fast

Typical form:

Broad, spreading. Can be irregular.

Characteristics:

Leaves have compound leaflets (5-11), leathery in texture, glossy. Bark is smooth, thin, light grey to grey. The trunk bases of the trees are usually flanged. Flowers are small, greenish-white blossoms in autumn to winter. Fruit develops green, maturing yellowish-orange to red that drops in the spring to summer.

Site requirements:

To perform best it requires full sun and moist soils with a pH range from slightly alkaline to acidic; all soil textures are tolerated. Requires moderate drainage.

Tolerances:

Of coastal origin the species has a high soil and aerosol salt tolerance. Tolerates light frosts.



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Notes:

Useful as a shade tree; ornamental; car parks, paved areas. Also useful as screens and windbreaks. A good low maintenance plant rarely troubled by pests or disease.