



Information Sheet: Lilly Pillys

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Lilly Pillys are a very versatile group of plants. They are excellent for screening and hedging and most can be grown in pots. Lilly Pillys are generally quite variable in their growth rate and height and the depth and condition of the soil will often determine the ultimate size of the plant.

Soil Requirements: Lilly Pillys grow best in soil with organic matter added to retain moisture and nutrient. The soil must drain well as Lilly Pillys will die if they become waterlogged.

Positioning: Most Lilly Pillys will grow in full sun to part shade.

Maintenance: Lilly Pillys love to be trimmed. Most varieties are able to be maintained at a level much lower than their optimum height. Trimming encourages new growth which makes a denser, lusher plant. Fertilise in Autumn and again in Spring with a general purpose fertiliser like Blood & Bone. Ideally, keep them well watered through the hotter months.

Pests: Lilly Pillys are generally pest and disease resistant but can be prone to scale and Psyllids.

- **Psyllid** - this small insect gets into the leaf and produces tiny "bubbles" creating distortion in the new growth. If it appears, cut off the affected areas and place in the rubbish bin. You can spray with a systemic pesticide, but improving the overall health of the plant with water and fertiliser is often enough. Acmenas do not get this pest.
- **Scale** - is a tiny waxy or flat insect which sucks the sap of the plant. It does not damage the plant but does leave behind a sticky residue that attracts ants and sooty mould. Use pest oil or manually remove the insects.

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	HEIGHT	COMMENTS
<i>Acmena</i> 'Allyn Magic'	Allyn Magic	0.3 - 1m	Compact
<i>Acmena smithii</i> var. <i>minor</i> - 'Cherry Surprise'	Cherry Surprise	2 - 4m	Red new growth
<i>Acmena smithii</i> var. <i>minor</i> - 'Sunrise'	Sunrise	2 - 4m	Pinkish to orange new growth
<i>Acmena smithii</i>	Lilly Pilly	8 - 12m	Local, small to medium tree
<i>Acmena</i> 'Hot Flush'	Hot Flush	2 - 3m	Compact habit
<i>Acmena</i> 'Firescreen'	Fire Screen	3 - 5m	Pinkish to orange new growth
<i>Syzygium</i> 'Tiny Trev'	Tiny Trev	0.4 - 1m	Native box
<i>Syzygium australe</i> 'Resilience'	Resilience	4 - 6m	Fast growing, coppery new growth
<i>Syzygium luehmannii</i>	Riberry or Cherry Alder	7 - 12m	Spectacular pink new growth
<i>Syzygium australe</i> 'Aussie Compact'	Aussie Compact	3 - 6m	Columnar habit
<i>Syzygium</i> 'Cascade'	Cascade	2 - 3m	Weeping habit, pink new growth
<i>Waterhousia floribunda</i>	Weeping Lilly Pilly	8 - 12m	Dense shade tree