

# *Syzygium luehmannii*

## Riberry, Small Leaf Lilly Pilly or Cherry Satinash



This lovely Lilly Pilly grows in two disjunct locations: the rainforests of north-eastern New South Wales and south-eastern Queensland, and also in the forests of the coast and ranges of tropical north Queensland between Ingham and Cooktown.

In recent years, Riberry (or Small Leaf Lilly Pilly, or Cherry Satinash) has become a favourite with Sydney gardeners; its compact size make it particularly popular for hedging although it is also



often planted as a feature tree. New leaves are bright pink, becoming crimson, then purple, finally a



rich, dark, glossy green. It is one of the few Lilly Pillies resistant to the onslaught of psyllids, insects that cause ugly pimpling in the leaves of many other Lilly Pilly species.

Salmon-red succulent fruits have a hint of 'cloves' in their taste, to remind us that Lilly Pillies are closely related to woody fruited eucalypts, paperbarks and bottlebrushes. All belong to the plant family *Myrtaceae*.

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