

Syzygium australe
(Myrtaceae)

- Common name:** Creek lilly pilly.
- Localities:** Occurs along creek banks throughout the area, for example, Bellbowrie Bridge, Grandview Rd, Kholo Creek, Moggill State Forest, Rafting Ground.
- Growth form:** A tree to about 20 m tall, larger trees usually being buttressed at the base.
- Foliage:** Leaves are simple and opposite, up to 9 cm long, 3 cm wide, dark green and glossy above, pale below.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers are white, in showy clusters of 1-3 flowers, appearing in summer. These are followed by pink to red fruit about 2 cm in diameter.
- Habitat:** Creek lilly pilly is a widespread species in subtropical and dry rainforests.
- Propagation and Management:** Fresh seed takes one to two months to germinate. Creek lilly pilly is adapted to a range of soil types, excluding very infertile soils, and tolerates full sun and frost.
- General:** This is a handsome tree both in flower and in fruit and is also attractive to fruit-eating birds. *S. francisii*, the giant water gum, also occurs in our district; it usually favours volcanic soils. Both species are excellent for stabilising creek banks.

