

Brachychiton populneus
(Sterculiaceae)

- Common names:** Kurrajong.
- Localities:** Gold Creek Reservoir, Mt Crosby.
- Growth form:** A medium tree. When grown in the open, kurrajong trees have a dense crown, rather narrower than tall.
- Foliage:** Leaves are simple, often lobed, up to 12.5 cm long, 3 cm wide, rounded at the base.
- Flowers and fruit:** Flowers are on short pedicels and are bell-shaped, pale green, with red flecks on the inside.
- Habitat:** In our district, occurs in open eucalypt forest and dry rainforest.
- Propagation and Management:** Propagated by seed. Hardy, once established.
- General:** Foliage is often used as stock fodder during times of drought. The kurrajong is fairly common along ridges in our district, in open spotted gum forest. It is a deep-rooted species which allows other species to grow underneath; it is also a food tree for larvae of the tailed emperor butterfly. Seeds and roots were eaten by Aborigines, who also made rope out of the bark fibre.

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