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Botanical Name: Acmena smithii Minor
Common Names: Lilly Pilly,
Native: Yes
Foliage Type: Evergreen
Plant Type: Hedging / Screening, Shrubs, Trees
Plant Habit: Dense, Rounded, Upright

Description:

A compact and dense form of Acmena that is perfect for use as tight hedges and topiary. The foliage is deep glossy green and has bronzed new growth tips. Tiny decorative cream flowers in spring that are followed by pink to purple lilly pilly fruits that can be made into jellies or preserves. Also available as a standard.

Mature Height: 4-10m **Position:** Full Sun, Semi Shade
Mature Width: 2-4m **Soil Type:** Loam, Sandy, Well Drained

Family Name: Myrtaceae
Origin: Australia

Characteristics:
Foliage Colours: Brown, Green, Red
Flower Colours: Cream
Flower Fragrant: No
Flowering Season: Spring, Summer
Fruit: Yes

Requirements:
Growth Rate: Fast
Maintenance Level: Medium
Water Usage: Medium / Moderate

Tolerances:
Drought: Medium / Moderate
Frost: Moderate
Wind: Moderate

Landscape Use(s): Balcony / Roof, Bird Attracting, Borders / Shrubbery, Bush Tucker, Coastal Garden, Courtyard, Feature, Foliage Feature / Colour, Formal Garden, Hedging / Screening, Topiary / Espalier, Wind Break, Container / Pot

Pest & Diseases:

Generally trouble free, Myrtlepest And Disease Rust

Cultural Notes:

Responds well to regular pruning, if fruits are unwanted just give a light prune at flowering stage. Tolerates a range of climates and conditions, prefers well drained soils. Can be grown to just about any size or shape depending on pruning. Tolerates drought, but performs better if adequate water provided. plant at 1m spacing to establish a hedge. Fertilise in autumn and spring with a native slow release fertiliser. It is listed as a fire retardant tree.

Plant Care:

Keep moist during dry periods, Low phosphorus slow release fertiliser, Mulch well

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