

# Syzygium australe Big Red



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**Botanical Name:** Syzygium australe Big Red

**Common Names:** Lilly Pilly, Brush Cherry, Scrub Cherry, Creek Lilly

**Native:** Pilly,

**Native:** Yes

**Foliage Type:** Evergreen

**Plant Type:** Hedging / Screening, Shrubs, Trees

**Plant Habit:** Dense, Shrub Like

### Description:

Big Red has large, glossy leaves whose new growth explodes with one of the darkest crimson foliage available. Big Red has white flowers that are born over summer and followed by edible berries that will attract native birds into your garden. Hardy and dry tolerant, Big Red also responds exceptionally well to shaping. It makes an excellent large hedge (plant 1m apart) and is ideal in formal gardens that call for topiary specimens. For those hedging this plant near swimming pools or along driveways, regular pruning will mean that you constantly remove the flowers preventing the berry production. Grows approx 4m tall x 2.5m wide.

**Mature Height:** 2-4m      **Position:** Full Sun, Semi Shade

**Mature Width:** 2-4m      **Soil Type:** Well Drained

**Family Name:** Myrtaceae

**Origin:** Australia

### Characteristics:

**Foliage Colours:** Green, Red

**Flower Colours:** White

**Flower Fragrant:** No

**Flowering Season:** Summer

**Fruit:** Yes

### Requirements:

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Maintenance Level:** Low

**Water Usage:** Low

### Tolerances:

**Drought:** High

**Frost:** Moderate

**Wind:** Moderate

**Landscape Use(s):** Bird Attracting, Borders / Shrubbery, Bush Tucker, Coastal Garden, Courtyard, Erosion Control, Feature, Foliage Feature / Colour, Formal Garden, Habitat, Hedging / Screening, Low Water Garden, Mass Planting, Rockery, Topiary / Espalier, Tropical Garden, Verge, Wind Break, Container / Pot

### Pest & Diseases:

Aphids, Mites, Psyllids, Thrips

### Cultural Notes:

Low watering requirements once established needing only occasional deep watering during extended periods of heat. Plant in most soil types that are well draining. Prune to shape during early spring to encourage dense habit. Use a fertiliser formulated for natives according to manufacturers directions. For hedging space plants approximately 1m apart. Images and information courtesy of Plants Management Australia.

### Plant Care:

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

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