

Myrtaceae
Acmena ingens
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Syzygium ingens
 Red Apple



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ETYMOLOGY

(ac-ME-na) Latin akmenos = full-grown; The Latin species ingens of immoderate size, vast, huge, prodigious, enormous, great, or remarkable, referring to the great size of mature trees of this species.

LIFEFORM

Tree 6-20 m height x 3 m Spread

STATUS

Northern Limit of distribution Blackall/Conondale Ranges; Rare population size;

ORIGIN

Rocky River Q, Big Scrub NSW

HABITAT

Subtropical Rainforest Complex Notophyll Vineforest

LEAVES

Opposite, 17 x 4 cm, narrow, stiff, dark shiny, green underside dull, on red stalks.

FLOWERS

Fluffy small white/cream with many stamens in 8-13 cm terminal panicles.

Flowering Times Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan

FRUIT

Drupes, 2-4 cm, globular, firm-fleshy red when ripe with 1 large seed; High proportion of seeds are damaged by grubs; **Fruiting Times** April, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct

BARK

Smooth greyish-brown to light grey, under bark pink-fawn.

TRUNK

Tall, straight tree, cylindrical trunk with slight to large buttress; Tree with elongated or spreading crown

ETHNOBOTANY

Edible fruit mainly tasty jams, juice and stewed fruit; hard light brown timber flooring, lining, cases & scantlings.

LANDSCAPE USES

Showy masses of light red fruits

INSECTS

Susceptible to borer attack. Scale, Fruit fly, Grubs in seeds. *Aenetus ligniveren*, *Agriophara horridula*, *Cryptasasma sordida*, *Cryptophasa pultenae* (Moths)

WILDLIFE

Fruit food plant for Grey-headed Flying-fox;

BIRD

Green Catbird, Pied Currawong, Topknot Pigeon, Wompoo Fruit Dove, Eastern Rosella
 Flowers and fruit attract birds.

BUTTERFLY

Netrocoryne repanda (Eastern Flat), *Chaetocneme beata* (Eastern Dusk-flat), Common Red-eye, Common Oak Blue

TOLERANTS

Tolerates light frost.

ID FEATURE

Sunken mid-vein underside of leaves.

