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Tuckeroo

- Botanical Name** *Cupaniopsis anacardioides*
- Habitat/Ecology** Headlands, wind exposed areas, littoral rainforests, dunal woodlands, wetter rainforests and along watercourses. Fruit, leaves, flowers and nectar are food for numerous native birds, animals and insects.
- Home use** Red/orange aril thought to be eaten by Aboriginal peoples; timber is light pink, fine-grained and tough. Used as a street tree, shade tree, windbreak or screen.
- Habit** Tree to 5-8 m; dense rounded canopy at maturity.
- Flowers/Fruit** **Flowers:** summer-winter; white or cream; scented. **Fruits:** Yellow/orange 3-lobed capsules with black seed with red/orange aril.
- Leaves/Stems** **Leaves:** 4-12 leaflets each 5-15 cm long; glossy, dark green, paler below, notch at apex. **Bark:** Smooth greyish-brown; older trees look moth-eaten.
- Propagation** Fresh seeds: soak prior to sowing to kill caterpillars; can take a month to germinate; most soils/aspects.
- Water/Shade** Tolerates frost and drought once established.
- Maintenance** Mulch and water well until established; prune to maintain rounded shape and dense growth; slow release native fertiliser in spring.



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