

# FACT SHEET

## LOPHOSTEMON CONFERTUS |

'QUEENSLAND BRUSH BOX'



- Origin:** Coastal forests from northern NSW to North Queensland.
- Habit:** Moderate to fast growing medium sized evergreen tree typically developing a single trunk and rounded to pyramidal canopy. In its natural environment the species can attain heights of up to 40m. In southern Australia mature dimension of about 10-15m in height in 20 years.
- Description:** Leaves thick, dark green and glossy above, paler beneath, to 15cm long. Flowers are white, occurring in three's. Fruit is a woody bell shaped capsule to 1cm. Bark smooth, sometimes lustrous, beige coloured, seasonally peeling in flakes revealing coppery orange to brown tones.
- Tolerances:** Adapts to most soil types. Grows well in urban areas. Tolerates a wide range of soils. Moderately tolerant of drought, frosts, aerial slat spray and air pollution.
- Notes:** Moderate to long lived species. Rarely requires formative pruning to develop good branch structure. Responds well to pruning. Fire retardant. Generally free of any serious pests or diseases. Flowers attract bees. Good street tree or modest sized specimen tree for parks.
- References:** Kellow, J. (ed) (1997) *The Burnley manual of trees: Vol 1 first edition*, University of Melbourne. <http://treelogic.com.au/facts/2009/05/queensland-brush-box/>