

FACT SHEET

TRISTANIOPSIS LAURINA | 'WATER GUM'



CITYWIDE

shaping sustainable landscapes



Origin: It occurs naturally on moist, well-drained sites along the east coast of Australia, from the Brisbane River in Queensland, through coastal New South Wales to the Gippsland region of Victoria.

Habit: The Species grows to 8-15m in 20years as a Street tree. It grows slowly and rarely attains a large size in southern Australia.

Description: An attractive and compact shade tree in cultivation, *T. laurina* has a smooth bark when young, becoming scaly as the tree matures. The leaves are 5-12 cm long, 1-2 cm wide, glossy dark green above with a paler under-side. The flowers are cream to orange-yellow in colour, being produced in short clusters in January and early February.

Tolerances: This tree grows well in cultivation and tolerates a variety of soil types from well-drained rocky soils to heavy clay loams, it will tolerate light shade, though growth is more rapid in full sun.

Notes: Scale insects commonly attack this species and leaf-hoppers and leaf-eating beetles occasionally attack the leaves but damage is rarely severe enough to warrant spraying.

References: <http://www.anbg.gov.au/gnp/gnp10/tristaniopsis-laurina.html>