

Bush-tucker tree!



Citrus australis - family: *RUTACEAE*

ROUND LIME / GYMPIE LIME



Large shrub or small rainforest tree to 12m
Fragrant white or pinkish flowers august to November
Fruit an edible green to greenish-yellow globular berry

Cultivation: Hardy and moderately frost tolerant but slow-growing, prefers a sheltered position, rich well-drained soil and extra watering during dry periods.



This shrub is found in the dry rainforest north from the Beenleigh area and is endemic to QLD. The dense, prickly habit makes this species a useful nesting site for small rainforest birds. The dense, compact habit also makes the species useful as a screen plant. It has attractive, dark green aromatic foliage, but also sharp, rigid thorns. The white or pinkish flowers appear from August to November and are followed by the greenish fruit



which resemble a miniature wrinkled lime. These fruits which ripen from Nov to Dec are eaten the same way as a regular lime.

The species is gaining a reputation as a bush tucker plant.