



Bridelia exaltata – family: *EUPHORBIACEAE*

BRUSH IRONBARK

A medium sized rainforest tree ± 10 metres
Small green-yellow flowers, sex segregated, in winter
Fruit a yellow drupe maturing to red then black in autumn
attracts birds

Cultivation: Very hardy and moderately fast growing; good conditions will improve growth rate.

Commonly seen in lower altitudes of drier and sub-tropical rainforests from Seal Rocks on the mid-north coast of NSW to Gympie in Qld the Brush Ironbark often appears as re-growth. Under good conditions it develops dense bushy foliage. The fruits, which ripen slowly in autumn, are especially bird-attracting and readily disappear from the canopy rather than falling to the ground.



The sticky flesh of the immature brown ones taste nasty and astringent; the ripe black ones have an insipid but not unpleasant flavour of dates.

Good park tree attractive to birds. Has a tendency to sucker. Said to withstand the poisons of Camphor Laurels.