



Cryptocarya laevigata – family: LAURACEAE

GLOSSY LAUREL



Small rainforest tree or large shrub ± 6 metres
Bright red berries in autumn attract birds

Cultivation: Prefers shade, ample nutrients and moisture. Will tolerate full sun.

Glossy Laurel has been grown in glasshouses in England since the early 19th century, yet it is relatively unknown in Australia. It is one of the most handsome of the rainforest shrubs with its shiny foliage and bright fruit, growing as an understorey plant in rich basalt or alluvial soil from northern NSW



to cairns in Qld. Although preferring some shelter and occurring naturally under the canopy in heavy shade, it will tolerate full sun by arranging its leaves closer together. It is not a rapid grower and can be kept in a tub for some time, looking very decorative either indoors or out. Seeds are slow to germinate and cuttings take several months to establish roots.