



Cupaniopsis serrata – family: *SAPINDACEAE*

SMOOTH TUCKEROO

Small rainforest tree to 10 metres

Creamish/pink flowers in hairy panicles Aug to Jan

Fruit a velvety-brown capsule with orange aril Nov to Feb

Cultivation: Understorey species; hardy but slow growing; prefers ample moisture.

This species has a very attractive growth habit and colourful red/pink new growth. It occurs in Queensland and reaches its southern distributional limit in New South Wales. Within New South Wales, an historical collection of *Cupaniopsis*



serrata has been made from the Tweed River valley. The leaves are 16 to 30 cm long and narrow with coarsely and often sharply toothed edges. The creamy-pink flowers hang in simple raceme-like inflorescences and are followed by velvety brown capsules with orange arils. *Cupaniopsis serrata* differs from other species with serrate or serrulate leaf margins in its coarse and usually sharp serrations, small inflorescences and velvety fruits. Seed should be fresh and soaked before sowing.



The fruit are eaten by many species of birds.