



Embelia australiana - family: MYRSINACEAE

EMBELIA

Tall woody climber with separate male and female plants
Small cream or green flowers, summer to winter
Fruit a bird-attracting globular reddish-black drupe

Cultivation: Hardy in most well-drained situations.

A robust woody climber to 10m or more, found in Eucalypt forest and most types of rainforest from NE Queensland southwards as far as coastal central New South Wales. This woody vine is an excellent plant for domestic gardens.



It has twining stems and simple alternate elliptical to obovate leathery leaves with attractive reddish-bronze new growth. The leaves form a distinct zig-zag pattern in the branchlets. The cream or green-white flowers on axillary racemes appear from September to November. Globular reddish-black fruits are formed in small clusters and ripen from March to May.

The vine is an excellent bird-attractor as many fruit eating doves and pigeons will feed from the berries.