



Schizomeria ovata – family: CUNONIACEAE

CRABAPPLE – SNOWBERRY – WHITE BIRCH

A medium to tall tree 10 to 35 metres

Small white tubular flowers in spring

Edible fruit are creamy-white apple-shaped berries

Cultivation: Moderately hardy but requires a sheltered site for best establishment.

This tree will grow 10 to 15 metres in an open garden setting but in its native habitat of subtropical and temperate forests it will often reach 35 metres. It is found from S.E. NSW to Fraser Island in S.E. Qld.



The trunk is often buttressed and the leaves form a dense canopy. The new growth is attractive and this tree makes a handsome garden specimen but will require some shelter at first for its full potential to be realized. Flowers are small and tubular and appear from September to November. The small creamy white berries ripen from April to July and were eaten by aboriginal Australians.

Fruit is eaten by rainforest frugivores.