



Alectryon coriaceus – family: SAPINDACEAE

BEACH ALECTRYON

Bushy coastal shrub 1 to 6m

Panicles of small yellow flowers in winter followed by bird attracting fruit

Cultivation: Very hardy in a coastal site; not frost tolerant. Mulch with organic material. Deep infrequent watering generally preferred once established. Prune after flowering to retain density.



This coastal shrub ranges in height from 1-6m depending on the severity of its exposure to salt winds. From Port Stephens in NSW to Maryborough in QLD, this adaptable plant grows on sand dunes, in littoral rainforest and on coastal swamp margins. Distinctive fruit which ripens from April to June, gives rise to the alternative common name of Beach Bird's Eye.



The shiny black seeds look like birds' eyes and are dispersed by birds, including the Green Catbird – which is attracted to the sweet red aril. Fresh spurts of growth can be encouraged by applying fertiliser during rain.