



## Brush Box

*Lophostemon confertus*



Family: Myrtaceae

Large evergreen tree to 40 m



**Distribution:** North-east NSW and coastal Queensland.

**Description:** Large to very large tree with rough brown bark on lower trunk and smooth pinkish brown bark on upper trunk and branches. Large leathery glossy green leaves.

**Propagation:** From seed, ripening November-January, germinates easily.

**Habitat:** In the wild its habitat ranges from moist open forest and rainforest, where it might reach heights of 40 metres or more, to coastal headlands where it acquires a stunted, wind-sheared habit. It is considered useful as a street tree, due to its disease and pest resilience, its high tolerance for smog, drought and poor drainage, and the fact that it needs only moderate-to-light upkeep. It often requires lopping to accommodate overhead power lines, but survives pruning quite well.

**Uses:** Favourite tree for bee-keepers, also butterflies and koalas.