



Silky Oak

Grevillea robusta



Family: Proteaceae

Fast-growing evergreen tree 18 – 35 m



Distribution: Eastern coastal Australia, in riverine, subtropical and dry rainforest.

Description: dark green delicately dented leaves reminiscent of a fern frond. It is the largest plant in the *Grevillea* genus, reaching diameters in excess of 1 m. Flowers are golden-orange bottlebrush-like blooms. Seeds in December and January.

Propagation: Seeds germinate readily.

Habitat: Prefers full sun. Once established, is drought tolerant and frost resistant. Found on river alluvium or basalt soils, but tolerates less fertile soils. Produces abundant leaf mulch.

Uses: Resistant to wood rot, used in the manufacture of furniture, cabinetry, fences, and also in guitars, for its tonal qualities. Flowers and fruit contain toxic hydrogen cyanide.