



Tuckeroo

Cupaniopsis anacardioides



Family: Sapindaceae

Flowering evergreen tree to 10 m



Distribution: from Seven Mile Beach, NSW to Queensland, northern Australia and New Guinea.

Description: The bark is smooth grey or brown with raised horizontal lines. The tips of the leaves, which are elliptical, are often notched or blunt. Greenish white flowers form on panicles from May to July. The fruit is an orange to yellow capsule with three lobes. There is a glossy dark brown seed inside each lobe.

Propagation: Germination from fresh seed occurs without difficulty, particularly if the seed is removed from the aril and soaked for a few days.

Habitat: Usual habitat is littoral rainforest on sand or near estuaries.

Uses: Fruit ripens from October to December, attracting many birds including Australasian Figbird, Olive-backed Oriole and Pied Currawong.