

## RAINFOREST TREES SUITABLE FOR BIRDS

When planting out your garden or plots of native rainforest, it is important to have a range of suitable species, which produce flowers and/or fruit over the whole year. This is to provide birds, with a reasonably reliable food supply. Most plant species listed are native to the Northern Rivers and south-east Queensland. Those species native to north east Queensland are denoted by NEQ. The species covered include those with nectar rich flowers and those with fruit/seeds.

The main reference for this page was **Jones, David L.** *Rainforest Plants of Australia*. Appendices XVII & XVIII. Reed Books. 1986. This is recommended reading for those interested. Unfortunately, it is now out of print, but it should be available in your local library.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Tall (m)</b>	<b>Forage</b>	<b>Growth Rate</b>	<b>Time Birds Attracted</b>
<b>Tree Waratah</b> Alloxylon pinnata	15	Nectar	Moderate	Oct - Jan
<b>Pink Silky Oak (NEQ)</b> Alloxylon wickhamii	10-20	Nectar	Moderate	Sept - Oct
<b>Ash species</b> Alphitonia species	8	Fruit	Fast Pioneer	Sept - Nov
<b>Black Bean Tree</b> Castanospermum australe	15-20	Nectar	Slow to establish	Oct - Nov
<b>Brown Kurrajong</b> Commersonia bartramia	10	Fruit	Fast Pioneer	March - July
<b>Pidgeonberry Ash</b> Cryptocarya erythroxylon	15	Fruit	Moderate	May - Oct
<b>Weeping Fig (NEQ)</b> Ficus benjamina	15-20	Fruit	Fast	July - Dec
<b>Sandpaper Fig</b> Ficus fraseri	6	Fruit	Fast	May - Feb
<b>Port Jackson Fig</b> Ficus rubiginosa	15-20	Fruit	Moderate	Feb - Oct
<b>Cedar Fig</b> Ficus superba var henneana	15	Fruit	Moderate	Jan - Aug
<b>White Fig</b> Ficus virens	15	Fruit	Moderate	June - Oct

**Sliky Oak**

Grevillea robusta	20-30	Nectar	Fast	Sept - Oct
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**Pink Euodia**

Melicope elleryana	18	Nectar	Fast on wet sites	Flowers: Jan - April Fruit: Sept- Dec
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**Brush Cherry**

Syzygium australe	8-10	Fruit/Seed	Moderate	Dec - April
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**Ribeberry**

Syzygium leuhmannii	15	Fruit/Seed	Moderate	Nov - March
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**Coolamon**

Syzygium moorei	15	Nectar	Slow	Nov - Jan
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**Golden Penda (NEQ)**

Xanthostemon chrysanthus	15	Nectar	Moderate	March – May
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