

Glorious Brachychiton

Australia is home to some 30+ species of Brachychiton and additionally, many naturally occurring and horticulturally produced hybrids. Here are some you should be aware of including the newer, smaller growing varieties.



Brachychiton populneus x acerifolius 'Jerilderie Red'

JERILDERIE RED BRACHYCHITON

This is an attractive dense tree that grows to approximately 8m tall and 7m wide. With a standard tree shape, strong single trunk and an attractive green foliage on slender petioles, it makes a strong statement. Add to this a stunning display of red bell-shaped flowers and it is a stunner!



Brachychiton populneus x acerifolius 'Bella Pink'

BELLA PINK BRACHYCHITON

This is a small to medium sized shade tree offering glossy green foliage and pretty clusters of salmon pink, bell-shaped flowers in Summer. As a grafted tree, it is more compact in size which makes it highly suitable for domestic landscapes. Flowers are bird attracting.



Brachychiton populneus x acerifolius 'Bella Donna'

BELLA DONNA BRACHYCHITON

Evergreen pyramid shaped tree with densely packed panicles of bright pink flowers in late spring and early summer. Leaves are bright red when young. The trunk is very large and has green lobed foliage that creates a dense canopy.



Brachychiton populneus x discolor 'Griffith Pink'

GRIFFITH PINK BRACHYCHITON

Evergreen pyramid-shaped tree with densely packed panicles of pink flowers in late spring and early summer. The trunk is very large and has green-lobed foliage that creates a dense canopy. Offers slightly different foliage to other pink varieties such as 'Bella Donna' and 'Bella Pink'.



Brachychiton populneus

KURRAJONG

And for foliage, the winner is...Brachychiton populneus. Fascinating leaves are a healthy green and either simple and pointed in shape or highly lobed. Otherwise known as the Kurrajong Tree, they are quite widely grown as a street tree in country towns because they make manageable evergreen trees around 10 metres high - very acceptable for urban planning requirements.



Brachychiton rupestris

QUEENSLAND BOTTLE TREE

This is a small to medium sized tree with a characteristic bulbous trunk which gives rise to the common 'bottle tree' name. Leaves are about 100 mm long and may have entire margins or be deeply lobed. The bell-shaped flowers are followed by seed capsules which contain many large seeds.



Brachychiton discolor

QUEENSLAND LACEBARK

Native to northern NSW and Queensland, these trees will grow in most places south too. They have compact root systems and have been used as street trees for this reason. In early summer it drops its leaves while it produces a beautiful display of bell-shaped, deep pink flowers. When the flowers fade, foliage returns.

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