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Eugenia myrtifolia

[Synonyms : *Eugenia australis*, *Syzygium australe*, *Syzygium paniculatum*]

BRUSH CHERRY is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to eastern Australia it has small white flowers.

It is also known as Australian brush cherry, Red myrtle, and Scrub cherry.

Myrtifolia is made up of the genus name *Myrtus* and Latin *-folia* (leaved) components meaning ‘with leaves like those of that (myrtle) genus’.

The white to rose-purple (usually red) fruit (which are fleshy and fragrant) are harvested locally to make preserves and jams – and the fruit are also dried.

The lightweight reddish or yellowish wood has been used by some Australian Aborigine tribes for making shields and boomerangs. More recently it has been used for boat building and oars.

Brush cherry is sometimes grown as an ornamental plant and it has attracted the attentions of both topiarists and bonsai enthusiasts.