

# *Tristaniopsis laurina*

## (Water Gum)

### Description

Small to medium evergreen tree, with a mixture of colours with smooth to scaly bark.

### Flower and Foliage

Golden yellow flowers in summer with deep glossy green leaves contrasting to bright red before shedding.

### Maintenance

Prune when young to a single leader to achieve the classic look as below; or allow multi trunks as it grows naturally along creeks. During drought periods, extra watering is required.

### Occurs

Naturally along sandy and rocky creeks and rivers in sandstone gullies and mountain valleys, as it overhangs the water's edge. Will grow in most well-drained soils but will not get as tall when planted away from water.

### Uses

Extremely versatile plant for formal or informal screen, hedge, shade, feature or street tree. Important riverbank revegetation plant. Attracts native fauna. Timber used for tool handles.



Frost Tolerant



Full Sun



Part Shade

Width  
2-7m



Height  
5-15m



Image Source: (Left: [http://sustainable natives.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2010/05/Tristaniopsis\\_laurina.jpg](http://sustainable natives.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2010/05/Tristaniopsis_laurina.jpg);  
Middle: <http://lh2treeid.blogspot.com.au/2010/04/tristaniopsis-laurina-water-gum.html>; Right: <http://www.anbg.gov.au/cgi-bin/phtml?pc=a&pn=21107&size=3>)

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