

Alectryon subdentatus (Holly-leaved Bird's Eye)

Shrub or small tree found on steep, rocky slopes in very dry rainforest. New leaves are red. Makes the plant attractive from an early age. Leaves compound (pinnate) with 4 or 6 leaflets (sometimes only 2), alternate. Leaflet blades very stiff, glossy and hairless (or finely hairy) above, hairy below; Flowers red, with short stamens and without petals; borne in sparsely branched panicles. Appear Dec. to April. Fruit a hard, hairy, 2-lobed capsule to 13mm in length, with 1 or 2 black seeds each almost encircled by a red aril. Ripe in November.



Type: Small Tree to 7m
Aspect: Full Sun
Soil: Well-drained
Habitat: Dry Sclerophyll

Special features:

- Attracts –
 - Bees
 - Birds
 - Butterflies
 - Bush Tucker