

Brush Box

This fast-growing and drought-tolerant evergreen native tree grows into a dense oval shape. Its trunk has rough bark at the base which changes with height becoming smooth and a lovely soft pink colour. In summer, the tree trunk peels, revealing new cream-coloured bark with a green tinge. Branches have attractive long (up to 15cm) oval-shaped deep green leaves. Throughout spring and summer, the tree bursts into flower with fragrant stems of five-petalled star-shaped flowers.

This elegant tree is well suited to streetscape environments in Parramatta. It is very hardy and provides deep shade underneath its spreading canopy, helping to cool our streets during the hot summer months.

<i>a</i>	Botanic name	Lophostemon confertus
↑↓	Typical height	15-20 metres
↔	Typical width	8-12 metres
🍃	Leaf	Deep green, broad oval shaped
🪵	Bark	Changing in colour throughout the seasons from pink/brown to cream/green
🌸	Flowers	White with fluffy lime/yellow stamens
🌿	Fruit Pod	Small woody peas



You can see examples of Brush Box planted along Sorrell Street in North Parramatta.

