PLANT FACT SHEET

Brachychiton bidwillii Hook.

GENUS *Brachychiton* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Rusty kurrajong, Dwarf kurrajong, Little kurrajong

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

The seeds are eaten raw and roasted.

DESCRIPTION

A tall shrub. It grows 3-7 m high and spreads 2-5 m wide. The young shoots are softly hairy. The leaves are 10-15 cm across. They are deeply 3-5 lobed. They are green with soft hairs on both surfaces. The flowers are 4-5 cm across. They are pink to red. They are like tubes. They occur in compact clusters. The seed pods are 7-12 cm long and hairy. They have short points.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is native to NE Australia. It suits tropical and subtropical regions. It needs well drained soils and a sunny position. It is drought resistant. It is sensitive to frost. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. Seeds take 4-8 weeks to germinate. Seeds can be stored for several months. They can also be grown by cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 30 Brachychiton species. Most are in Australia.
Also put in the family Sterculiaceae.

PICTURES



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