RIBERRY (Small-leaved Lilli-Pilli)  
*Syzygium luehmannii* (Family: Myrtaceae)

**Description:** A shrub or small tree from 5 to 10m, in the garden. In open situations the foliage is dense & weeping to the ground. The flushes of new growth, change through a range of bright burgundies to pastel pinks for several weeks at least twice a year. It is quite hardy in most situations, including coastal & is reasonably frost tolerant but would benefit from protection during the establishment phase. A good screen plant, hedge & windbreak. It can be grown in full sun or partial shade but will fruit best on the sun exposed side. One of the few Lilli-Pillis not prone to psillids. The bright pink, ovoid fruits, borne in clusters are ripe between Nov. to March.

**Uses:** The flesh of the fruit, which is sometimes seedless, is crisp & slightly tart with a hint of clove & cinnamon. It can be used in both sweet & savoury dishes such as sauces, jams, chutneys, cordials & fruit cakes etc.

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