



# Illawarra Plum

This large woodland and sub-tropical tree sports fleshy cherry-like blue-black fruit and small green narrow leaves. Often planted in parks and gardens as a lawn specimen for shade, the 'Illawarra Plum' is a fast-growing tree that establishes in 3 to 6 years and matures in 10 years. This species is regarded as one of the best sources of bush tucker by Aboriginal people, the fruit is also used to make jams and spirits.



You can see a great example of a Illawarra Plum planting at 7 Carolyn Street, Silverwater.



 <b>Botanic name</b>	Podocarpus elatus
 <b>Origin</b>	East coast Australia
 <b>Typical height</b>	20-30m
 <b>Typical width</b>	15m
 <b>Foliage Type</b>	Evergreen
 <b>Leaf</b>	Dark glossy green and pointed, oval-like shape
 <b>Bark</b>	Fissured or wrinkled
 <b>Flowers</b>	Cream and cone-like
 <b>Fruit Pod</b>	Blue-black cone

