



Harpullia hillii – family: SAPINDACEAE

BLUNT-LEAVED TULIP - TULIPWOOD

Small to medium tree rainforest tree to 10 metres

Small white flowers in panicles Oct-Nov

Fruit is a bird attracting bright yellow seed-case

Cultivation: Dislikes frost and severe wind; prefers partial shade but is sun tolerant; ample moisture and nutrients will increase relatively slow growth habit.

Although not commonly seen in cultivation, it is worth growing for its pleasing shape and attractive fruit. In silhouette the tree is



compact with a thick dark crown. The showy seed cases are often completely empty. The seed, when present, is large, black and shiny and almost covered by a contrasting red aril. The shiny new growth often has a lovely metallic blue-black luster. This plant grows naturally from Kempsey in NSW to Ayr in north QLD and is rarely seen over 10 metres.



The Australian King Parrot feeds from the fruit which ripens from November to January.