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Introduction

A common problem for new macadamia growers is the correct identification of the varieties in their orchard. This is important as each variety has different characteristics that may influence the way in which it is managed. For example, the management of nutrition, pest and disease monitoring, pollination and harvest operations may all be different for some varieties. Correct identification of varieties also helps in marketing.

The Macadamia Variety Identifier is the first comprehensive guide to identifying the varieties likely to be planted in existing Australian orchards. It covers 24 varieties including all of the major commercial varieties originating from both Australia and Hawaii. The benchmark for inclusion of a variety is:

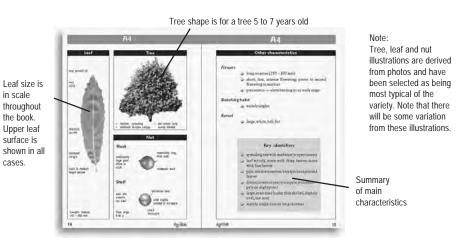
- either Macadamia integrifolia or Macadamia integrifolia hybrid origin;
- in commercial use;
- commercially propagated in quantities to make it likely that blocks of trees exist. Minor varieties propagated in small numbers and those of Macadamia tetraphylla origin are not included.

Layout

cases.

The identifier consists of three sections:

- The main identification characteristics used and where the varieties broadly fit.
- A simple key to varieties based on leaf spines, leaf size and leaf shape. As leaves are always available, this allows a quick narrowing of the options at any time.
- Detailed individual variety profiles. The information on each variety is presented in a two-page format with the main identification characteristics on the left-hand page. Where appropriate, this enables the pages to be flicked over quickly to locate matching characteristics.



Meaning of terms used

Petiole – leaf stalk

Willowing of branches – branches tend to be thin and hang down

Hilum – attachment of nut to husk

Micropyle – white spot at the end of the nut opposite to the hilum where water enters to initiate germination

Raceme - flower stalk

Turkey's neck – distinct break between main body of tree and the top

Sticktight nuts – dry mature nut-in-husk stay attached to the tree and do not fall naturally (as distinct from late fall green nuts)

Pre-germination – germination on the tree before nuts fall

Precocious – starts bearing at an early age

Undulating leaf margins – wavy leaf margins

Basal discolouring – colouring of kernel due to absorption of colour from shell

Leaf whorl – two or more leaves attached at the one node

Information on selecting varieties

Note that this book is a variety identifier—not a guide to selecting varieties for the orchard. Information on this subject can be found in the *Key issues* section of the *Agrilink Macadamia Information Kit*.

Precautions in using this guide

- Illustrations of trees, leaves and nuts have been selected as being most typical of the variety. Illustrations are also based on trees grown in south Queensland and northern New South Wales. Note that there will be some variation from these illustrations for other districts and under different management systems.
- Leaves used in the illustrations are mature leaves from the outside of the leaf canopy exposed to full sun.
- The guide is not suitable for identifying trees less than about three years of age.
- As with all identification, accuracy depends on experience.

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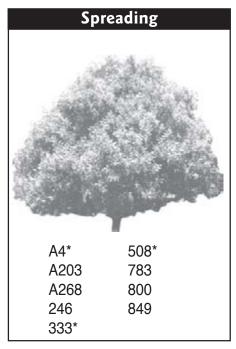
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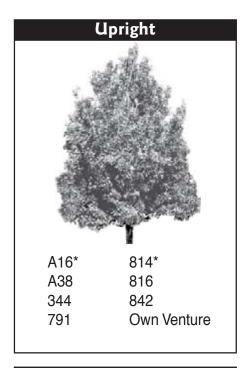
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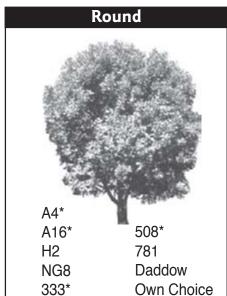
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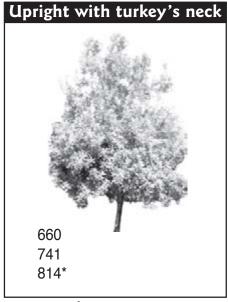
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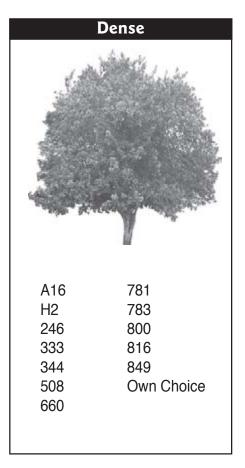


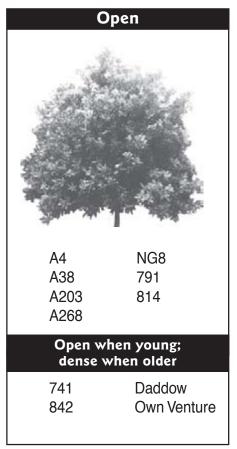






Agrilink





Small
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814

Medium				
A4	660			
A38	783			
A203	842			
A268	849			
Own Ve	nture			

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Note: Tree density and size vary with environment and tree management.

^{*} Shape of these varieties varies with environment, age and tree management.

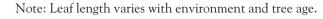
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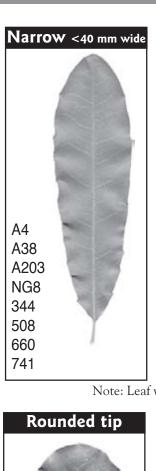




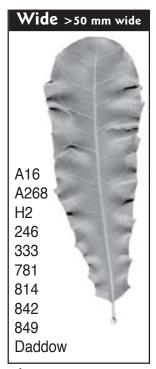
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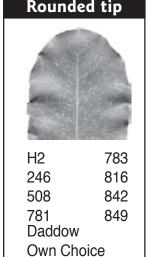


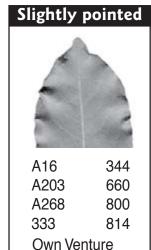


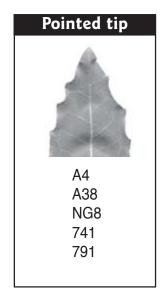




Note: Leaf width varies with environment and tree age.







A16

H2

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Own Choice

Leaf spines & husk shape

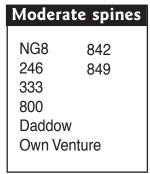
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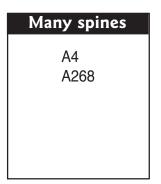
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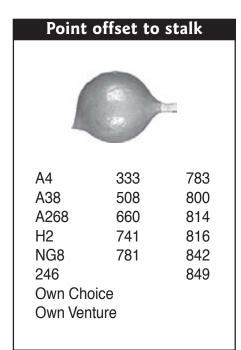
One spine on tip
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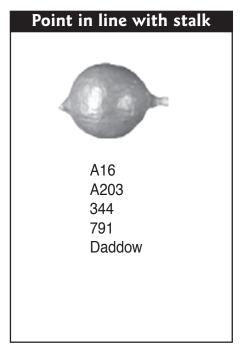
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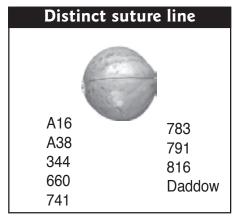
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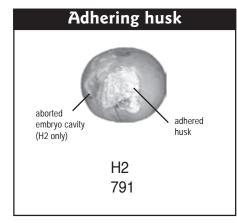


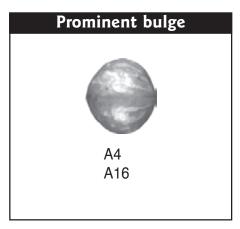


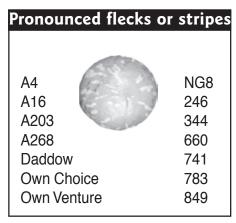


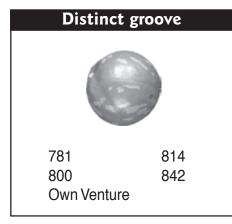


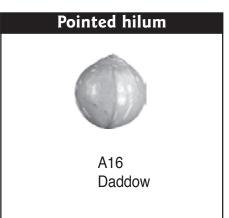










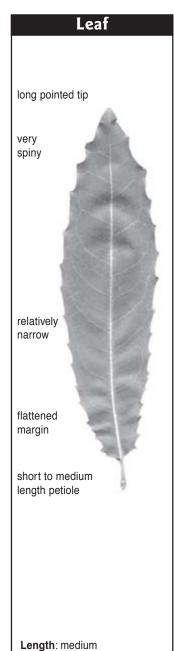


Key to varieties based on leaf

spines, leaf size and leaf shape

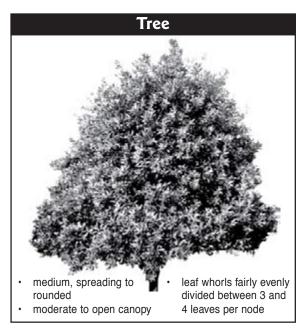
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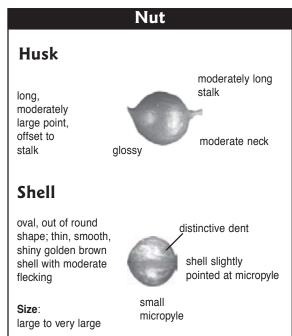
Few spines	Many spines			Very spiny		
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150 – 200 mm

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Other characteristics

Flowers

- long racemes (250 300 mm)
- short, late, intense flowering; prone to second flowering in summer
- precocious

Bunching habit

mainly singles

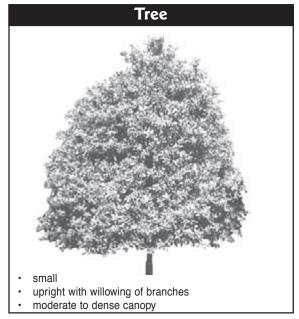
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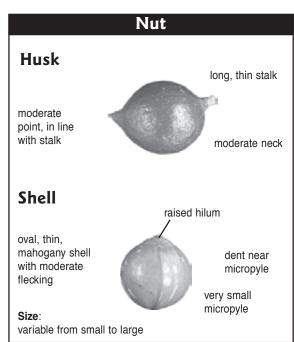
large, white, full, flat

- spreading tree with open canopy
- leaf whorls, some with three leaves; some with four leaves
- pale, relatively narrow, very spiny and pointed leaves
- distinctive dent near micropyle, with micropyle on slight point
- large, even sized, thin shelled, slightly oval golden brown nuts
- mainly single nuts on long racemes

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Leaf slightly pointed tip with spine few spines wide short petiole dull, distinctive medium





Other characteristics

Flowers

- condensed, late flowering

Bunching habit

tends to open bunching

Kernel

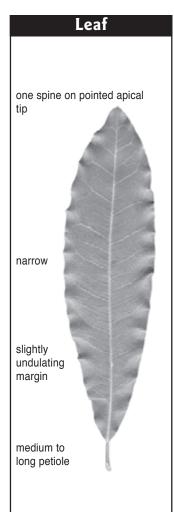
• full, white

Key identifiers

- small, moderate to dense upright tree with willowing of branches
- dull green, short and wide leaves with few spines and short petiole
- thin shelled, oval mahogany nuts with a dent near a very small micropyle
- very late nut drop
- small percentage of 4 leaf whorls
- prone to sticktights

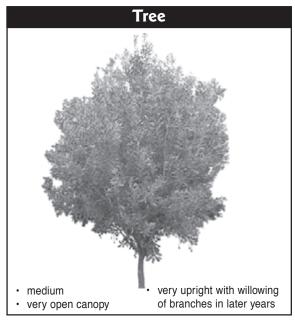
green colour

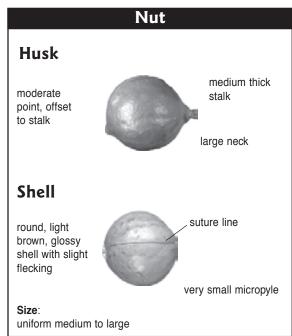
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Length: short - medium

140 - 160 mm





Other characteristics

Flowers

- very long racemes (more than 300 mm) with cream flowers
- short, mid-season flowering

Bunching habit

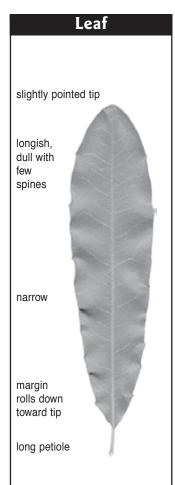
 tends to very long, large bunches towards the bottom centre of the tree

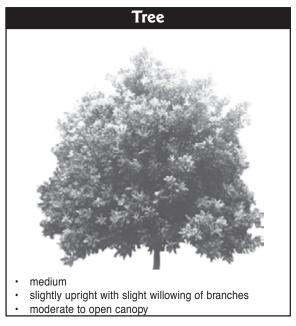
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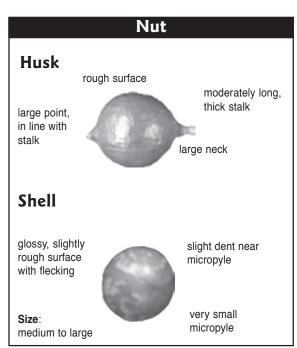
- slightly flattened, cream
- high percentage of whole kernels

- very long racemes
- shortish narrow leaves with only one spine on apical tip
- tends to very long, large bunches towards bottom centre of tree
- very upright tree with very open canopy
- medium to large, uniform, round nuts
- tends to long willowy branches in later years

A203







Other characteristics

Flowers

- long racemes (200 250 mm)
- intense, short, mid-season flowering

Bunching habit

old trees tending to singles with no large bunches

Kernel

• full, white

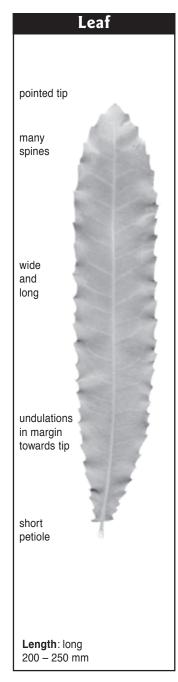
Key identifiers

- slightly pointed, longish, narrow, dull, medium green leaves with few spines and long petiole
- slight dent near very small micropyle
- medium to large, uneven sized nut
- intense, short late flowering
- rough surface on husk and nut
- slightly upright tree with slight willowing of branches

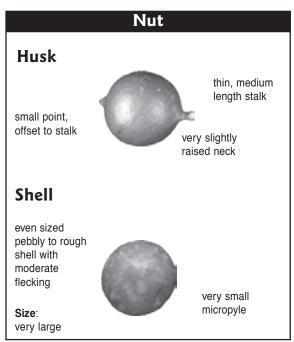
Length: medium - long

150 - 230 mm

A268







Other characteristics

Flowers

- short, condensed mid-season flowering

Bunching habit

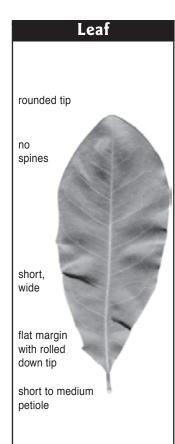
tendency to single nuts

Kernel

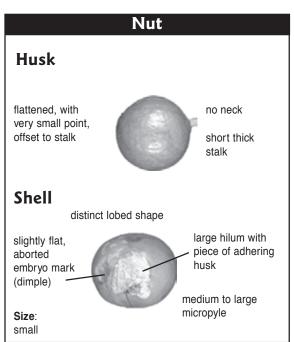
• full, creamy white

- long leaf with many spines and short petiole
- medium to large spreading tree with moderate to open canopy
- leaves much larger than A4
- small point on husk with thin stalk
- very large, even sized nut with small micropyle and slightly rough surface

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Other characteristics

Flowers

- → medium racemes (150 200 mm) with some branching possible
- late, short flowering

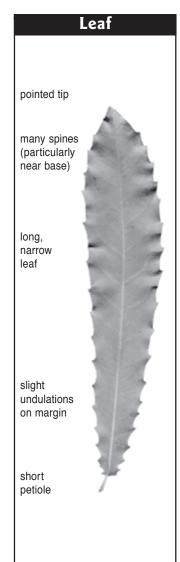
Bunching habit

- prone to tight bunches
- prone to sticktight nuts and pre-germination

Kernel

- flat with moderate ridge
- many whole kernels

- small, slightly flattened nuts with distinctive lobe, dimple, medium to large micropyle and large hilum with piece of adhering husk
- short, wide leaf with rounded end, no spines, flat margin with rolled down tip
- medium to long racemes with some branching
- shell with thick base
- prone to sticktight nuts
- large, dense, upright tree

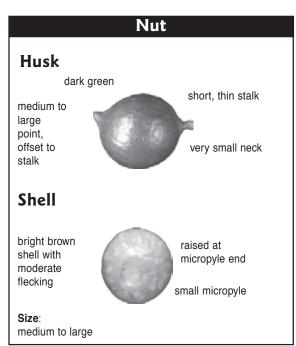


Length: long

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200 - 250 mm





Other characteristics

Flowers

- intense, late flowering

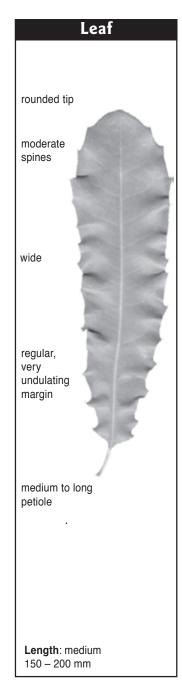
Bunching habit

- some open bunches, mainly singles
- nuts hang down on long racemes

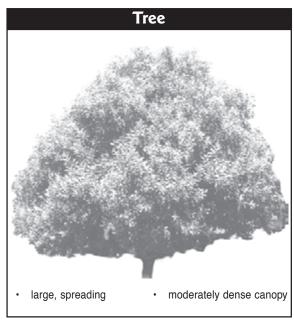
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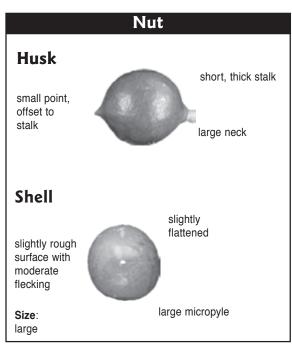
- medium to large
- very few whole kernels mostly halves

- very small, open, round tree
- very dark green, long, narrow leaves
- nuts prominent; hang singly on long racemes
- bright brown nuts with moderate flecking
- tend to dehusk on the ground
- precocious starts bearing early; high yield per canopy area
- very few whole kernels mostly halves
- dehusks on the ground



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Other characteristics

Flowers

- ◆ short medium racemes (less than 100 200 mm)
- extended, heavy flowering
- precocious starts bearing early

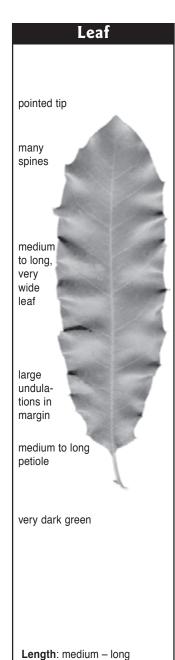
Bunching habit

- few bunches of nuts
- mainly singles increasing tendency as trees age

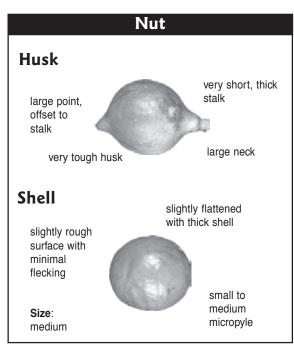
Kernel

- slightly flat with a prominent ridge
- tendency to basal discolouring

- large tree with spreading growth habit
- regular, very even undulating margin on dark green wide leaf
- short racemes and extended flowering
- short, thick stalk
- medium to large nut with large micropyle







Other characteristics

Flowers

- mid to late flowering of moderate intensity

Bunching habit

mainly singles

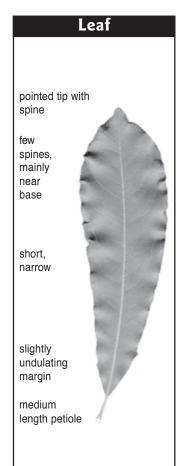
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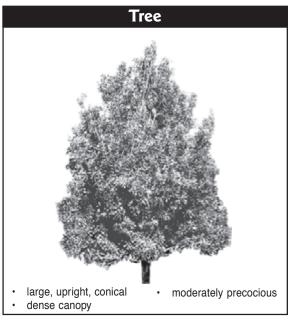
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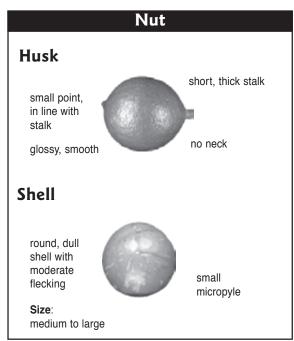
Key identifiers

- medium to long, very wide, spiny, very dark green shiny leaves with undulating margins
- round tree
- tough, pale green husk
- very short, thick stalk
- small point on husk
- thick shell

150 - 200 mm







Other characteristics

Flowers

- → medium length racemes (150 200 mm)
- mid to late, light flowering
- precocious starts bearing early

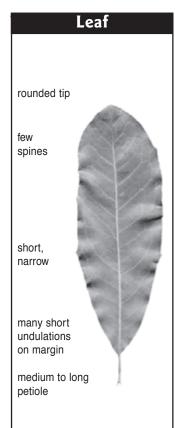
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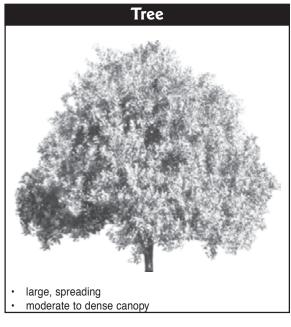
 tends to tight bunches, particularly with light flowering

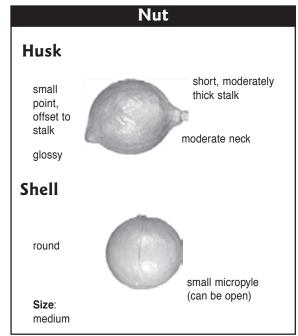
Kernel

flat, ridged, dull cream

- large, upright, conical, dense tree
- short, narrow, dark green leaves with few spines
- light flowering
- small point on husk in line with stalk
- no neck on husk, short thick stalk
- compact and very dense tree when young







Other characteristics

Flowers

- → medium racemes (150 200 mm)
- late, long flowering

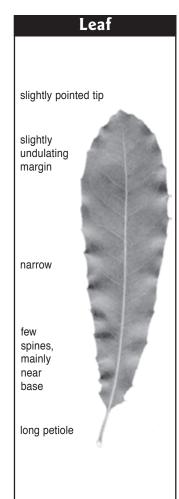
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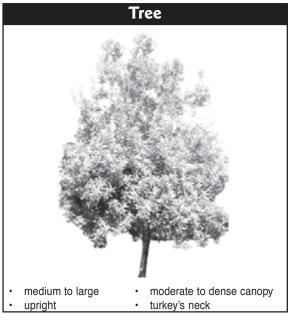
- tending to singles
- can have sticktight nuts

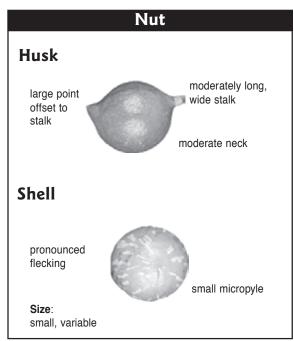
Kernel

• full, white

- very large, spreading tree
- short leaves with rounded tip, few spines and many small undulations
- small, round nuts
- small point on husk
- susceptible to yellowing and leaf scald under heat stress







Other characteristics

Flowers

- → medium to long racemes (150 200 mm)
- concentrated flowering
- variable timing

Bunching habit

variable with no large bunches

Kernel

small, full, with slight ridge

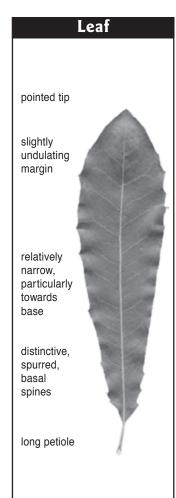
Key identifiers

- very dark green, narrow, slightly pointed leaves with spines mainly near the base
- long petiole
- small nuts, variable in size
- upright tree with turkey's neck
- very early nut drop; tends to germinate in wet conditions

Note: It is very difficult to distinguish between 660 and 741

Length: medium

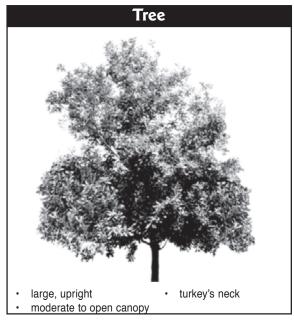
150 - 200 mm

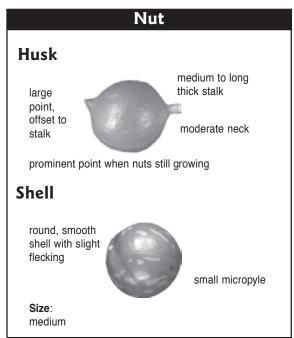


Length: medium

150 – 200 mm

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Other characteristics

Flowers

- → medium racemes (150 200 mm)
- prone to light flowering
- late, concentrated flowering

Bunching habit

numerous open bunches

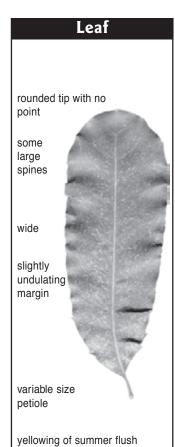
Kernel

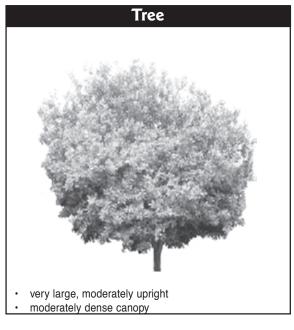
• full, slightly dull, cream

Key identifiers

- distinctive spurred basal spines on leaves (more than 344 or 660)
- large, upright tree; moderate to open canopy with turkey's neck, particularly when young
- late, concentrated light flowering
- numerous open bunches
- large point on husk, offset to stalk

Note: It is very difficult to distinguish between 660 and 741





Nut Husk round, smooth thick, medium length stalk very small point offset small neck to stalk Shell flat at hilium large, round. distinct groove slightly (not suture) flecked Size: medium micropyle large

Other characteristics

Flowers

- ◆ short medium racemes (100 200 mm)
- light, late flowering

Bunching habit

mainly singles, doubles, triples

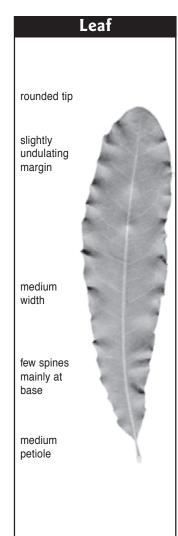
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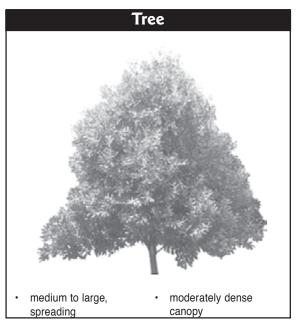
medium to large

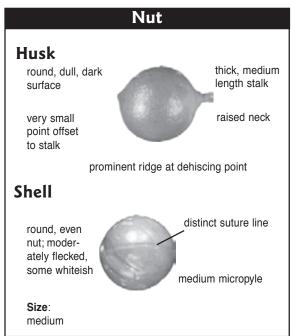
Key identifiers

- very large, moderately upright tree; moderately dense canopy
- short, wide, slightly undulating leaves with some spines and some yellowing on summer flush (caused by heat intolerance)
- large kernel but low yield to canopy area
- long, late nut drop; prone to sticktight nuts
- large nuts, but can be variable

under heat stress







Other characteristics

Flowers

- → medium racemes (150 200 mm)
- extended flowering; more intense late in season

Bunching habit

many clusters

Kernel

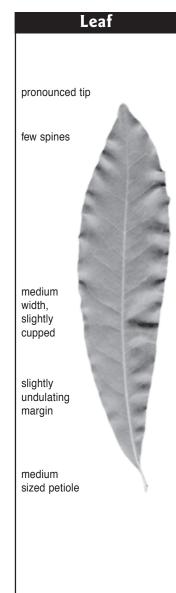
- medium
- high percentage of whole kernels

Key identifiers

- medium to large, moderately dense, spreading tree
- relatively narrow leaves with rounded tip, small undulations and a few spines at base
- small point to husk; thick stalk with raised neck
- prominent ridge on husk at dehiscing point
- moderate flecking; some nuts are whitish
- distinct suture line on nut

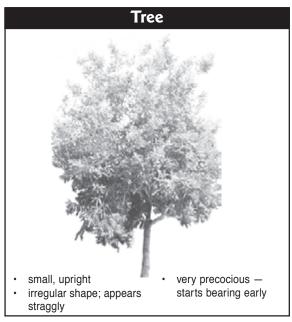
Length: medium

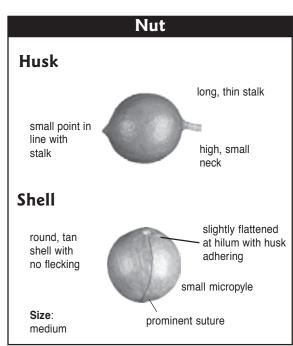
150 – 200 mm



Length: medium - long

150 - 200 mm





Other characteristics

Flowers

- long racemes (200 250 mm)
- extended flowering throughout most of the year

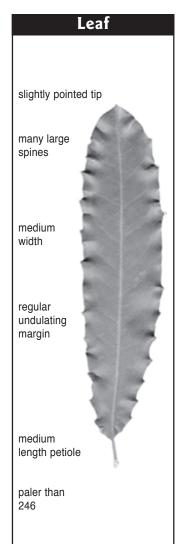
Bunching habit

loose bunches with many doubles and triples

Kernel

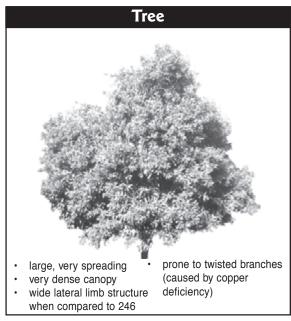
- flattish and oblong
- prominent ridge

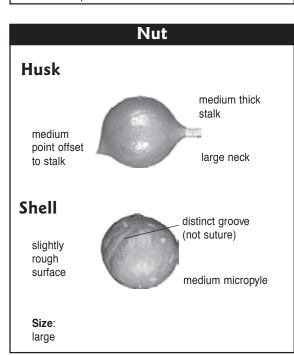
- small, upright, irregular, straggly tree
- longish, narrow leaves with pronounced tip and slightly undulating margins
- slightly cupped leaves with short petiole
- small point on husk in line with stalk
- round tan coloured nut, slightly flattened at hilum with no flecking
- leaves not evenly spaced on the whorl



Length: medium

150 – 200 mm





Other characteristics

Flowers

- long flowering

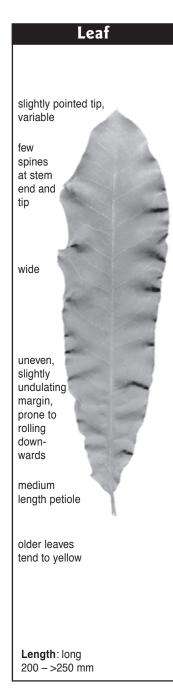
Bunching habit

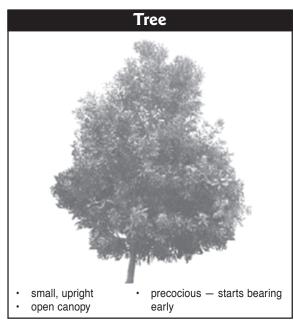
singles to triples

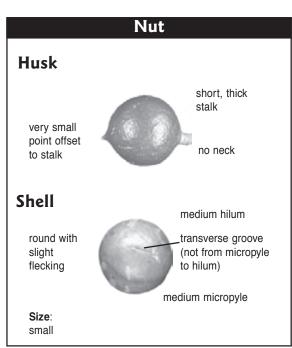
Kernel

round, white

- large, very spreading, dense tree; highly prone to wind damage
- regular undulating margin and many large spines on leaves
- leaves narrower and paler than 246
- slightly rough nut surface with moderately large micropyle
- prone to twisted branches
- round, white kernels







Other characteristics

Flowers

- short, light, late flowering

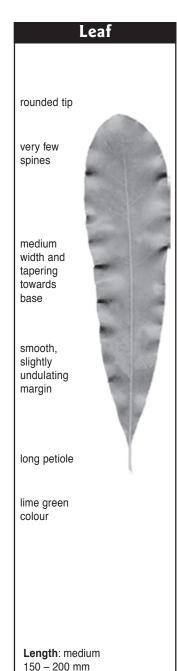
Bunching habit

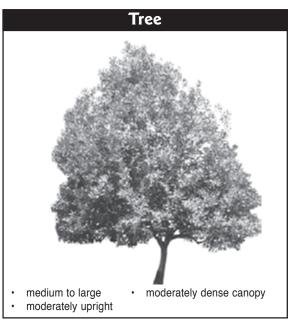
many small bunches

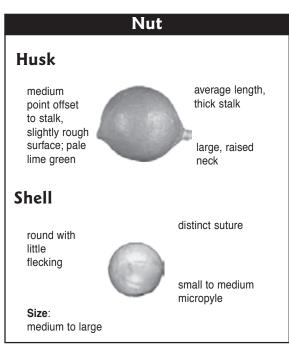
Kernel

small, round

- small, upright, open, precocious tree
- long, wide, dull mid-green leaves with uneven undulating margin
- small, round, even-sized nuts
- many small bunches of nuts







Other characteristics

Flowers

- long racemes (200 250 mm)
- light, late flowering

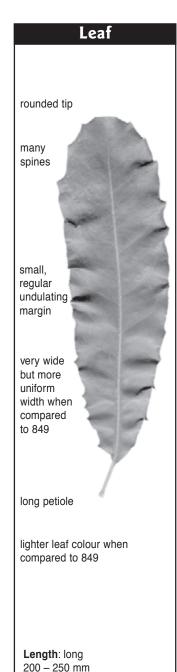
Bunching habit

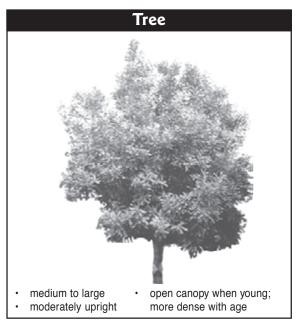
mostly singles and doubles

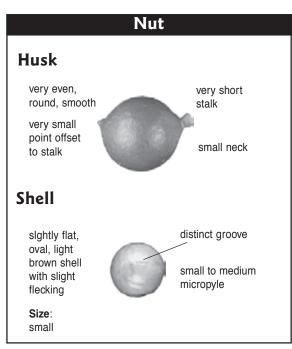
Kernel

- large, round with high kernel recovery
- good percentage of whole kernels

- medium to large, moderately upright tree with moderately dense canopy
- pale lime green leaves with smooth margin or only a few spines and long petiole
- light, late flowering with early nut drop
- pale nut with prominent suture







Other characteristics

Flowers

- long racemes (200 − 250 mm)
- intense flowering over long period

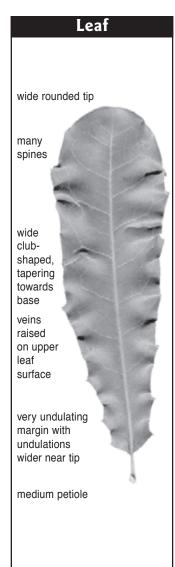
Bunching habit

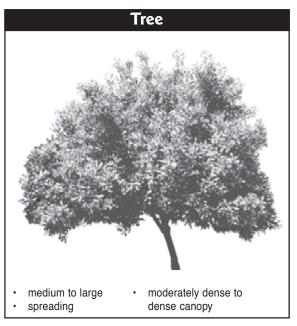
- mainly two or three nuts, with small clusters
- nuts tend to be concentrated towards the centre of the tree

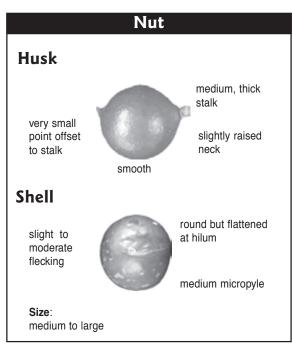
Kernel

small to medium, round

- medium to large, moderately upright tree
- long, very wide leaves with many spines and small regular undulations on the margin
- very even, round, small, smooth nut in husk with very small point offset to a very short stalk and small neck
- intense, flowering over long period
- lighter leaf colour than 849







Other characteristics

Flowers

- → medium racemes (180 220 mm)
- light, late flowering over short period

Bunching habit

 mainly two or three nuts, tending to small bunches as tree gets older

Kernel

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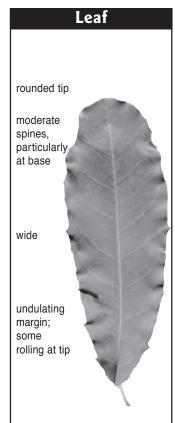
- dull, cream, similar to 246
- slightly flat
- good percentage of whole kernels

Key identifiers

- medium to large, spreading tree
- long, wide, dark green leaves, wider at the tip with many spines and very undulating margins
- light flowering over short period
- round nut with flattened area at hilum and slight to moderate flecking
- late maturing nuts tend to pre-germinate
- veins raised on upper leaf surface

Length: long

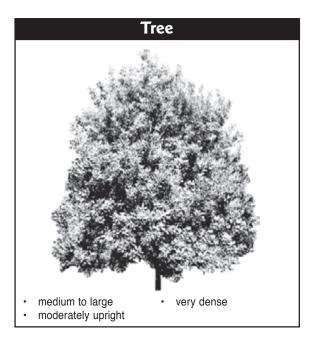
200 - 250 mm



medium length petiole

old leaves dull and dark green; young leaves light green prone to mottling in older leaves

Length: medium 150 – 200 mm



Nut Husk dull, dark green; slightly rough medium stalk small point in line with very well stalk defined, raised Shell large hilum tea coloured. very distinct suture round, heavily very small micropyle striped Size: medium

Other characteristics

Flowers

- ◆ short racemes (100 150 mm)
- moderately intense, mid to late flowering

Bunching habit

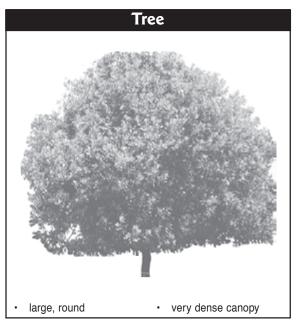
many bunches with three to four nuts

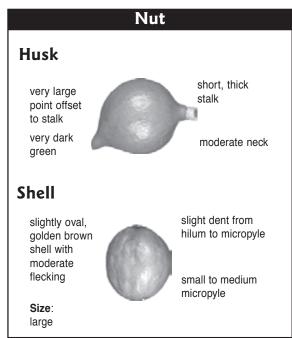
Kernel

round with moderate ridge

- medium to large, upright to slightly spreading, very dense tree
- wide, undulating, moderately spiny leaves with some rolling and mottling on older leaves
- very prominent hilum and suture on nuts, which looked cracked
- short racemes with moderately intense mid to late flowering
- extended late nut drop
- mature leaves dull and dark green; young leaves light green in colour

Leaf rounded tip few spines medium width slightly rolling undulating margin medium length petiole





Other characteristics

Flowers

- ◆ short racemes (100 150 mm)
- extended out of season flowering

Bunching habit

- tending to single nuts
- prone to sticktight nuts and pre-germination

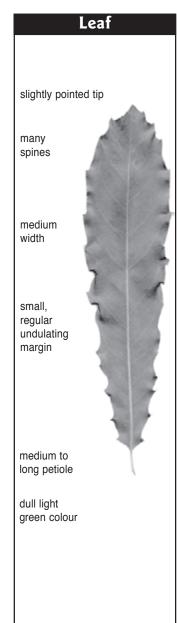
Kernel

• full, white

Key identifiers

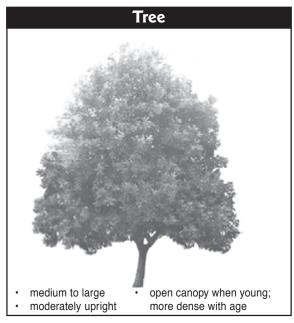
- large, round, very dense tree
- pale to medium green leaves with few spines and slightly rolling, undulating margin
- very extended flowering and nut drop pattern
- prone to sticktight nuts and pre-germination
- slightly oval, tan nuts with slight dent from hilum to micropyle
- low dense tree skirt

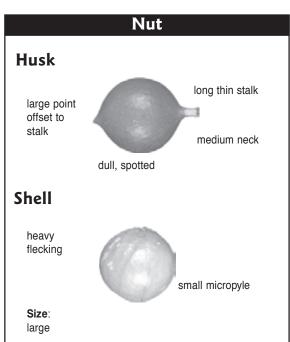
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Length: long

200 - 250 mm





Other characteristics

Flowers

- short, late flowering

Bunching habit

- singles and doubles
- tendency to sticktights

Kernel

large, flat, slightly oblong, variable in shape

- long relatively narrow, spiny leaves
- heavy flecking on shells
- large nut
- very dense tree when mature
- late nut drop with a tendency to sticktights
- light green leaf colour

Notes	