

Kurrajong Miniature Portrait, November 2008

BOTANICAL NAME *Brachychiton populneus*

COMMON NAME Kurrajong

FAMILY Sterculiaceae

SPECIES NAMING poplar-like (refers to the shape of the leaves)

GROWTH HABIT small tree up to 10 m with tapered trunk and dense dark green crown

BARK smooth to finely scaled, grey

LEAVES shiny surface, of variable shape but generally like poplar leaves; leaves of young trees with 3-5 lobes;

FLOWERS unisexual, bell-shaped, cream red-flecked; attract native sting-less bee (*Trigona sp*)

FRUIT black, large, boat-shaped, leathery follicle with golden hairs inside

OCCURRENCE rocky hill slopes in dry forests

WHERE TO SEE ON MT MAJURA close to Majura paddocks where fire trail crosses the creek line; along summit trail

NOTES semi-deciduous, may shed leaves in summer; good shade and fodder tree; specimens along Mt Majura summit track have been planted; street tree Limestone Avenue