

Mata Kucing

Botanical Name: *Euphoria malaiense* (Sapindaceae)

Common Name: Mata Kucing, literally translated means cats eye.

Origin: Malaysia and Indonesia where the plant is still found growing wild in forests.

Distribution: Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Borneo, Sumatra.

Australian Distribution: As a backyard tree throughout North Australia.

Preferred Climate and Soil Types: Tropical humid conditions. Best planted in a protected area with a rich moist soil.

Description: The fruits are round, up to 2cm in diameter (some larger) with a rough, brownish skin, fruit borne on small bunches. The flesh is translucent, white and sweet. The flesh thickness varies but is generally about 50mm thick whilst the seed is large in comparison to the flesh. The plant height is between 2-3m with a downward branch growing habit. A good feature tree in garden landscapes. Mata Kucing is a close relative of Longan (*Euphoria longana*)

Varieties: Whilst no varieties are documented there are some fruit and plant size differences from the wild stock.

Culture: Mostly planted by seed but can be grafted. Seedlings fruit within 2–3 years.

Pests and Diseases: Fruit piercing moth and fruit fly.

Fruiting Season: Several times a year.

Harvesting: When fruit is fully brown.



Contact Us

Phone: 8930 0300

Street Address: Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin NT 0800

Postal Address: GPO Box 84, Darwin NT 0801

E-mail: darwin@darwin.nt.gov.au

