

Pink Ash



FAMILY: Rhamnaceae

HABIT: A tall tree to 40m, with branches which tend to form horizontal layers.

LEAVES: Alternate, oblong, apex drawn out to a fine point, underside whitish. New growth covered in rusty hairs.

FLOWER/FRUIT: Showy sprays of small perfumed cream flowers, followed by black fruits containing three hard brown seeds. The outer fruit is shed to expose seeds. Fruits ripen in autumn.

PROPAGATION: From fresh or stored seeds. Seeds need to be scarified and hot water treated before sowing.

LOCAL HABITAT: Rainforest margins.

DISTRIBUTION: Queensland to south-eastern New South Wales, northern Western Australia and Northern Territory.

GENERAL: . Twigs release fascinating fragrance when broken or scratched, resembling liniment. A fast growing, hardy pioneer species in moist soils. Fruit eaten by doves and parrots.

REFERENCES: Alcock & Champion, 1989 *One Hundred and One Trees of Mackay*
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