

## 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*  
Cooper & Cooper, 2004 *Fruits of the Australian Tropical Rainforest*