

Bandicoot Berry



FAMILY: Vitaceae prev Leeaceae

HABIT: A large soft-wooded shrub of open form, growing to a height of about 4m.

LEAVES: Large, alternate, compound, mostly tripinnate up to 1m in length. Numerous leaflet with conspicuous veins giving a quilted appearance.

FLOWER/FRUITS: The clusters of small whitish flowers are followed by globular berries that persist for many months. They turn from green to red and finally a deep brownish-purple and contain two to six dark seeds.

PROPAGATION: Fresh seed or cuttings

LOCAL HABITAT: Riparian and Rainforest

DISTRIBUTION: From Torres Strait to Mackay district also the Northern Territory and Asia.



GENERAL: Can be grown in a moist, protected area of the garden. Fast growing and will fruit while still young. Fruits are eaten by the Wompoo Fruit Doves.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Cooper & Cooper 2004 *Fruits of the Australian Tropical Rainforest*.