

Pongamia



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FAMILY: Fabaceae

HABIT: Tree to 20m, deciduous in dry conditions. Creamy-brown smooth bark.

LEAVES: Compound, alternate, pinnate with 2-3 pairs of opposite leaflets and a terminal leaflet. New leaves are a glossy bronze but soon change to glossy green.

FLOWER/FRUITS: Pale mauve to white 'pea-flowers' in terminal sprays. Fruits in dehiscent flattened woody pods, 5-9cm x 2-3cm containing one or two seeds.

PROPAGATION: Scarified seed.

LOCAL HABITAT: Littoral rainforest, along watercourses and seasonally wet areas.

DISTRIBUTION: Queensland, Northern Territory and overseas.



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GENERAL: A fast growing, effective street tree, resistant to salt spray. Hardy in most frost-free, moist situations.



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REFERENCES: Townsend, 1997 *Field Guide to Plants of the Dry Tropics*