

Coastal Premna



FAMILY: Lamiaceae prev Verbenaceae

HABIT: A spreading shrub or small tree.

LEAVES: Simple, large, opposite, 3-19 cm long and leathery. The mid-rib and main veins are raised and sparsely hairy.

FLOWER/FRUIT: The small greenish white flowers occur in terminal bunches, with fruit ripening from green to purple-black. Seeds are solitary, up to 6mm long within the fleshy fruit. Fruit matures from December-May.

PROPAGATION: Remove outer flesh from fresh seed and sow immediately.

LOCAL HABITAT: Littoral forest and riparian areas.

DISTRIBUTION: Central Queensland coast to Cape York.



GENERAL: Aborigines used the leaf, heated, to treat the stings of stonefish and stingray and for spear wounds..

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