

Wheel-of-fire



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FAMILY: Proteaceae

HABIT: Medium to tall tree.

LEAVES: Simple, lobed or entire, margins undulate, glossy, green, to 40cm long.

FLOWER/FRUIT: Flowers arranged in wheel-shaped umbels are borne on branches in the leaf axils and are followed by green to brown densely hairy woody follicles up to 10cm x 2cm containing flattened, winged seeds. Fruits mature in summer.

PROPAGATION: Fresh Seed and cuttings.

LOCAL HABITAT: rainforest and , usually above 600m in altitude.

DISTRIBUTION: Eastern Queensland and New South Wales.

GENERAL: Spectacular specimen tree. Often used as a street tree. Slow growing for the first 2-3 years. Prefers rich soil with good drainage.

REFERENCES: Harden, Mc Donald & Williams 2006 *Rainforest trees and shrubs: a field guide to their identification.*