Rutaceae
Citrus australis
native round lime









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**ETYMOLOGY** (sit-rus) Latin citron from resemblance of fruits; The species australis (oz-TRAHlis) southern;

**LIFEFORM** Tree 4-5m x 3m spread

**STATUS** Widespread; Endemic to SE Qld; Rare per site; only dry rainforest north from Conondale

Range to Beenleigh area;

OCCURS Enoggera Ck Qld

**TOLERANCES** Full sun to part shade; Best in well mulched soils

HABITAT Dry Rainforest, Araucarian Microphyll Vine Forest near watercourses

**LEAVES** Alternate, 4-5 x 0.1-3 cm, elliptic to obovate apex obtuse to emarginate base cuneate margin

usually irregularly crenate or undulate towards apex on 1-6 mm stalks

**FLOWERS** Flowers 5-7 mm, sepals 1-1.5 mm, with 17 stamens; white or pinkish, fragrant; solitary in leaf axils;

Flowering times: June July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov

FRUIT Berries, 4-6.5 cm diameter rough-skinned round lime; green to greenish-yellow, (similar to

miniature wrinkled lime) Fruiting times: Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March, April, May

**STEM** Evergreen thorny tree; Stems erect and branching; Slow growing

**ETHNOBOTANY** Edible round lime with acidic pulp; Ripe fruits are eaten raw or can be made into jam/marmalade

and added to cold drinks for extra flavour cut fruit smell of citrus;

**INSECTS** Saissetia oleae (brown olive scale) (northern emperor moth), (Bee Hawk Moth), Bronze-orange

Bug, Spiny Orange Bug.

**BUTTERFLY** Papilio anactus dainty swallowtail, Papilio demoleus chequered swallowtail, Papilio fuscus

Fuscous Swallowtail, Papilio aegeus Orchard Swallowtail

**INDIGENOUS USES** 

**ID FEATURE** Branches armed with spines + Leaves aromatic when crushed + Fragrant flowers + 15 Stamens;