

**Rubiaceae**

***Atractocarpus chartaceus***

***Randia chartacea***

narrow-leaved gardenia



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**ETYMOLOGY**

(Atractocarpus) Spindle + fruited, referring to fruit shape in type species; The species chartaceus = papery referring to the thin leaves;

**LIFEFORM**

Shrub 2-3 m

**OCCURS**

NE Qld to Richmond River N NSW

**QLD DISTRICTS**

Burnett, Moreton, Port Curtis, South Kennedy, Wide Bay

**HABITAT**

Subtropical/Dry/Lowland Rainforest, Araucaria Notophyll/Microphyll Vineforest

**LEAVES**

Opposite, 7-16 x 4 cm, arranged in whorls, dark glossy green, paler with scattered white hairs, variable in shape often narrow on juvenile shoots the lateral veins oblique & strongly raised above Stipules united into sheath;

**FLOWERS**

White, 2cm, (scented) staminal filaments fused to white corolla, borne single in leaf axils

**Flowering Times** Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov

**FRUIT**

Berries, 1.5-2 cm, egg-shaped, bright red with several seeds; **Fruiting Times** April, May, June, July

**ETHNOBOTANY**

Fruits contain a sweet edible pulp;

**TOLERANCE**

Needs shaded position and well-drained soil;

**INSECTS**

*Cephonodes* spp. Bee Hawk Moth

**BIRD**

Fruit eaten by birds

