Eupomatiaceae Eupomatia bennettii small bolwarra





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ETYMOLOGY (yoo-po-MAY-ti-a) Greek eu = well; *pomation* = a small cap reference to operculum of flower;

The species bennettii After Mr Bennett

LIFEFORM Shrub 1m x 50cm Spread

STATUS Previously on Rare & Endangered List Occurs from Mary River, Qld, to NSW;

OCCURS Bli Bli SE Qld to Nambucca Valley NSW (NG)

QLD DISTRICTS Moreton, Port Curtis, Wide Bay

HABITAT Notophyll vine forest, Wet sclerophyll

LEAVES Alternate, 8-24 x 2.5-5 cm, oblanceolate to oblong, hairless, entire, numerous oil dots,

margins slightly wavy; blades thin dark glossy;

FLOWERS Terminal 25 mm, single creamy-yellow,8-12 mm stamens, outer ones yellow inner ones

tinged dark red; Flowering times Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb

FRUIT Berries, 2-3 cm, soft flatten top green turning yellow succulent, urn-shaped, edible fruit 2 cm,

green turning brownish, with numerous, angular seeds Fruiting times June, July, Aug,

Sept, Oct

ROOTS Large tuberous roots;

STEM Single stemmed low hairless shrub; Branchlets often black zig zag leaves (2 ranked) petiole

form a ridge on stem

ETHNOBOTANY Yellow fruit edible when fully ripe; Flower scented for less than 1 day;

LANDSCAPE USES Attractive pot plant

INSECTS Eaten and Pollinated (*Elleschodes hamiltoni*) host-specific weevil;

BIRD Fruit, probably bird-dispersed: White-headed Pigeon

BUTTERFLY Chaetocneme beata common red-eye

INDIGENOUS USES Wood used for firesticks and spears; Fruit sweet tasting, flavour rose water (Leiper,G)

ID FEATURE Leaves tapering into green stalk, ribbed across stem