

Pittosporaceae
Auranticarpa rhombifolia
Hollywood



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ETYMOLOGY	Auranticarpa Greek meaning golden orange fruit; The species <i>rhombifolia</i> = diamond shaped leaves.
LIFEFORM	Tree 10-25m x 2m Spread
STATUS	Recorded @ >389 Locations
ORIGIN	Wallaville, Imbil SE Q, Cairns, N Q, Alstonville, NSW, Vic
HABITAT	Rainforest AMVf, ANVf, DRf, STRf, SEVT
LEAVES	Alternate, 7 x 4 cm, dark, holly-shaped, tapering gradually into stalk, clustered near bud-scars and terminal scaly buds.
FLOWERS	Bell-shaped, 6 mm, white, 5 oblong petals, spreading from below the middle (slightly scent) in dense terminal 7-10cm corymb; Flowering Nov, Dec, Jan
FRUIT	Capsules, 9 mm, pear-shaped yellow-orange, terminal, abundant, splits into 2-3, opening to reveal oval black 3-5 mm seed. Fruiting Times March, April, May
BARK	Pale grey slightly corky, blaze cream changes to darker brown on exposure; Inner bark smells of Mango.
TRUNK or STEM	Small tree with scattered lenticels along slender grey branches.
ETHNOBOTANY	Trunk not exceeding 20 cm dbh Timber whitish tough rather hard close-grained for carving, engraving & fruit cases; Hardy adaptable tree used as street plantings because of its scented flowers and showy orange capsules which attract birds.
MISTLETOE	<i>Amyema congener</i>
INSECTS	<i>Lamprolina aeneipennis</i> Pittosporum Longicorn Beetle.
BIRDS	White-headed Fruit-dove(fr), Sulphur-crested Cockatoo(fr), Paradise Riflebird
COMMENTS	Tolerant of light frost; Adult butterflies feed on the flowers (Moran,2009);