

Pittosporaceae

Auranticarpa rhombifolia

Hollywood



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ETYMOLOGY

Auranticarpa Greek meaning golden orange fruit; The species *rhombifolia* = 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.
Trunk not exceeding 20 cm dbh

ETHNOBOTANY

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

Amyema congener

INSECTS

Lamprolina aeneipennis 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);